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Indy school chief chastises parents for being too permissive in raising their children

By T.S. Kumbula

Indiana Public Schools Supt. Dr. Eugene G. White told a Muncie audience last week that permissive parents are making it impossible for their children to learn and succeed in school.

While addressing a large crowd at the 14th annual Muncie Black Expo Corporate Luncheon at the downtown Horizon Convention Center, a sometimes folksy, some-



Muncie Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Marlin Creasy claps as Dr. Eugene White Superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools takes the podium at the Muncie Black Expo Corporate Luncheon. This years theme was "Unlocking Muncie's Educational Future."

times serious White chided parents who spend too much time apologizing for their children's actions, instead of teaching them to be disciplined, responsible and accountable.

"Sometimes adults compromise children by giving them too many choices.

We have to change that culture. It comes down to your beliefs and

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Juneteenth celebrates slavery's demise in Texas 141 years ago Malone, friends offer life-learning skills to youngsters



By The Editor

It is an awkward word. Some would even call it a tongue twister. But Juneteenth is the

oldest nationally celebrated African American holiday in the country.

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EDITORIAL

Time for parents to take control of children's education

Indiana Public Schools Supt. Dr. Eugene White gave a powerful message when he addressed the Muncie Black Expo Corporate Luncheon last week.

He was folksy. He was entertaining. He was also right on message. His blunt message was that some of today's parents are failing their children by not teaching them responsibility and not expecting them to be accountable.

White harked back to an earlier time in Alabama, where he was born and raised by a single mother with an eighth grade edu-

cation. He said his mother told him, not asked him, that he was going to complete a high school education. Of course he went much farther than that, earning a bachelor's degree, a master's and then a doctorate. He knew what was expected from him. If he did not measure up, his mother would take it out of his hide. White grew up at a time when children listened to and respected their parents. Parents knew that it was their duty to lead, to show their offspring the right way forward.

Today's parents, he charged, are too lax and

too permissive. Rather than force their children to work hard and be accountable, they let them slide and the parents make excuses for the children's failure to accomplish and to succeed.

White's message was in line with efforts by local community leaders and parents who are behind an initiative grandly named, "Unlocking Muncie's Educational Future." Among other goals, those spearheading this effort are pushing to involve parents and the community in improving schools and the learning environment.

It's a huge task, but it is doable.

For far too long we have left education to the schools, teachers and school administrators. We have chosen not to get involved. We have refused to set foot on campus--unless we are summoned because our children are in trouble or when we feel an irresistible desire to go to school and insult the teachers and the administrators. We have chosen to be aloof and AWOL on the education front. We have not challenged or disciplined our children.

We have automatically chosen to side with our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins against teachers and school officials. Most times we believe the students' version of events, without first trying to verify the information.

We fail ourselves. We fail the schools and we fail the teachers. And, of course, we fail the students. If we do not force our children to do their homework. If we do not check their homework and assignments and if we do not insist that our children should complete their school work before they can go outside and play, then we are doing them a disservice. We are saying to them that education is not important. We are saying to them that failure is fine. Not excelling in school is acceptable. We're saying

that we will send them to school, but we really do not expect or want them to learn. We are turning schools into babysitting centers. And we are programming our children for failure as future parents and as workers.

That is a pathetic situation. The environment that we create at home pretty much determines how well or how poorly they do in school. Those who come from families where parents are concerned about education, are more likely to succeed, unlike those from homes where parental interest and values are lacking. Dr. White delivered a message that we all need to take to heart. We need to go back to those simpler old days when parents took a hands-on approach, where they led by setting measurable standards and benchmarks for their children. As parents and community leaders, we must step up to the plate by instilling proper values and enforceable rules of behavior for our children. The children must know that there are sanctions and penalties for rude children, for those who refuse to learn or won't try. Only when parents and community leaders take charge, set rules and discipline misbehaving children will we be able to start Unlocking Muncie's Educational Future.

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MALONE

By Judy Mays

His excitement is contagious. His passion is obvious.

As soon as Carl Malone begins to speak about his work with youth, a light seems to come on. It is evident that he believes in what he is doing: providing an environment and experience for children in the first through fifth grades.

Malone, who works at the Youth Opportunity Center, has been volunteering his time at the Roy C. Buley Community Center, 1111 N. Penn, Muncie, to mentor the kids in life-learning skills.

kids in learning skills that can be applied to what they do every day," he said.

Since January, Malone has been overseeing a mentoring program that is part of the Boy Scouts of America, but is open to girls and boys. The program is conducted 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and a flexible Friday at the Buley Center.

Malone is assisted by community volunteers, Rashid Shabazz and Gawen Wells and Ball State University student volunteers.

On a typical day, the youngsters learn about conflict resolution, discuss youth-oriented



Malone practices what he preaches, exercising with youth in the Life Skills program

oped from 62 areas of health and social development," Malone said.

"I'm pleased that we offer a structured program with lessons that can be applied, such as good citizenship or the

schools and/or calls and visits to the parents."

Malone said the kids and the volunteer workers are building strong relationships. Soon they will be starting their summer program and preparing to participate in summer leagues and Hershey Track.

"We will be working on more community involvement over the

summer," he said.

For more information about this and other programs, contact the Buley Center at (765)747-4769.

The life-learning skills program is also conducted at the South Madison Community Center by Boy Scout leader Jerome Williams. The number there is (765)747-4750.



Malone explains the benefits of Life Skills to United Way Executive Director, William Chenault

"Over the years I've worked with kids of all ages, especially those in high school, in sports and character development. But, now I am glad to have the chance to work with younger

news, talk about their personal goals, exercise, health, socialize and learn basketball drills.

"To date we have served a total of 25 children, focusing on structured lesson plans devel-

difference between being a 'snitch' and being a responsible person who tells the truth. I'm pleased that we are able to track how kids are doing and responding, through visiting the

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Education

values. If you believe your children can learn, they will learn," he said. "Too many adults let our children get away with too much. Parents should be change makers. They should be truthful. If children are bad, tell the parents.

"We keep hearing people in special education can't do this or that. Yet we have geniuses in this country who are special ed. My mother had a solution for hyperactive kids or those who are education deficit."

White said instead of looking for excuses for why children can't do this or that, parents should be teaching their children to speak in

complete sentences. They should create an environment that is conducive to learning. He said even children as young as 2, 3, 4 can be taught and can learn. Such kids know how to watch TV and how to learn from the programs they watch. He said he agrees with entertainer Dr. Bill Cosby who scolded some parents for failing to raise their children properly.

"Kids know more than we give them credit for," he said. "The problem is parents let children see gore and blood. We need to change our beliefs about what our children can learn. We need to stop making excuses about why they can't learn."

White lauded the efforts of those behind "Unlocking Muncie's Educational Future," some of whose programs, such as parent centers at Muncie schools, seek to increase parental involvement in education.

"It takes all of us to unlock doors. We have to be committed to educating our children. Instead of being concerned about The No Child Left Behind (Act), we have to be concerned about parents being left behind.

"If you love your children, show them by what you do, not what you say.

As we look at children in our country, we see more abuse, more incar-

cerations. We need to do more. Sen. (Hillary Rodham) Clinton wrote that it takes a village to raise a child. So what does it take to raise a village? It takes parents believing, not talking. Stop playing games. Do something.

"Our future really is the children. The children are why we're here.

The children are here today because of their parents. We have to keep the parents engaged. We have to get serious about our children. A lot of people don't realize how we have to be committed. Remember when one of us is threatened, we're all threatened. No one is free unless we're all free."

He said he was worried about a society that requires one to be licensed to drive a car or fly a plane but "does not require a license to have children. Now we have children having children."

White said parents have to be educated about why their children are dropping out of school, about why so many young African Americans are incarcerated. He said many parents do not require their children to be accountable for their behavior.

Too many parents, he said, spend too much time excusing their children's behavior and misdeeds, instead of laying down goals and standards for them.

White, who was raised in Alabama by a young single mother, said his mother would never

have allowed him to drop out. "If I had told my mother I was going to drop out, she would have knocked me out. My mother went to eighth grade. She told me, she did not ask me, that I had to graduate from high school.

"She told me if she had to come to school (because of me), that would be a bad day for me," he said.

He said his mother cleaned homes and did other menial work to make sure he had food, clothes and could go to school. There was no welfare system then. Yet although today's generation is better off materially than his generation, today's children are not doing as well in school.

Muncie Deputy Mayor Phylis Amburn, standing in for Mayor Dan Canan, presented White with a key to the city.

Muncie Schools Supt. Dr. Marlin Creasy introduced his counterpart, White.

White was born in 1947 in Phenix City, Ala. He has degrees from Alabama and Tennessee universities and a doctorate from Ball State University.

Muncie Black Expo officials said this was their best luncheon yet. They said they had sold 700 tickets, at \$30 per person or \$240 per table of eight.

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This month, Muncie and other Indiana cities will join in celebrating the 141st anniversary of Juneteenth, a day that marks the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its humble Galveston, Texas, origin in 1865, the observance of June 19 as African American Emancipation Day has spread across Texas, the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week and, in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future.

The celebrations that followed the reading of the proclamation by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger began a tradition that has lasted for more than 141 years.

The JUNETEENTH.com Web site is dedicated to this celebration and to those who tirelessly contribute to its continued existence and growth.

For information regarding this website, contact us via email or write to: Juneteenth.com, P.O. Box 871750, New Orleans, Louisiana 70187, or call: 504 245-7800

A recent Google.com search of "Juneteenth" produced 486,000 hits.

When Granger belatedly read the Emancipation Proclamation in Galveston, this freed

250,000 slaves in Texas. The tidings of freedom reached slaves gradually as individual plantation owners read the proclamation to their bondsmen over the months following the end of the war. The news elicited an array of personal celebrations. The first broader celebrations of Juneteenth were used as political rallies and to teach freed African Americans about their voting rights. Within a short time, however, Juneteenth was marked by festivities throughout the state, some of which were organized by official Juneteenth committees.

The day has been celebrated through formal thanksgiving ceremonies at which the hymn "Lift Every Voice" furnished the opening. In addition, public entertainment, picnics, and family reunions have often featured dramatic readings, pageants, parades, barbecues, and ball games. Blues festivals have also shaped the Juneteenth remembrance.

Some of the early emancipation festivities were relegated, by city authorities, to a town's outskirts; in time, however, black groups collected funds to purchase tracts of land for their celebrations, including Juneteenth. A common name for these sites was Emancipation Park.

Particular celebrations of Juneteenth have had unique beginnings or aspects. In the state capital Juneteenth was first celebrated in 1867 under the direction of the Freedmen's Bureau and became part of the calendar of public events by 1872. Juneteenth in Limestone County has

gathered "thousands" to be with families and friends.

At one time 30,000 blacks gathered at Booker T. Washington Park, known more popularly as Comanche Crossing, for the event. One of the most important parts of the Limestone celebration was the recollection of family history, both under slavery and since. Another of the state's memorable celebrations of Juneteenth occurred in Brenham, where large, racially mixed crowds witnessed the annual promenade through town. In Beeville, black, white, and brown residents have also joined together to commemorate the day with barbecue, picnics, and other festivities.

Juneteenth declined in popularity in the early 1960s, when the Civil Rights Movement with its push for integration, diminished interest in the event. In the 1970s, African Americans' renewed interest in celebrating their cultural heritage led to the revitalization of the holiday throughout the state. At the end of the decade Rep. Al Edwards, a Democrat from Houston, introduced a bill calling for Juneteenth to become a state holiday. The legislature passed the act in 1979, and Gov. William P. Clements Jr. signed it into law.

The first state-sponsored Juneteenth celebration took place in 1980.

Juneteenth has also had an impact outside the state. Black Texans who moved to Louisiana and Oklahoma have taken the celebration with them.

In 1991 the Anacostia Museum of the Smithsonian Institution sponsored "Juneteenth '91, Freedom Revisited," featuring public speeches, African American arts and crafts, and other cultural programs. There, as in Texas, the state of its origin, Juneteenth has provided the public the opportunity to recall the milestone in human rights the day represents for African Americans.

It was on June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers, led by Granger, landed at Galveston with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free. This was 2 1/2 years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official Jan. 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order.

However, with the surrender of Gen. Lee in April 1865, and the arrival of Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

Later attempts to explain this 2 1/2-year delay in the receipt of this important news have yielded several versions that have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger, who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom.

Another, is that the news was deliberately withheld by the slave masters to maintain the labor force on the plantations.

And still another, is that federal troops actually waited for the slave own-

ers to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest, before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. All or neither could be true. For whatever the reason, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory.

General Order #3

One of Granger's first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas, General Order Number 3, which began:

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

The reactions to this news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. While many lingered to learn of this new employer to employee relationship, many left before these offers were completely off the lips of their former masters - attesting to the varying conditions on the plantations and the realization of freedom.

Even with nowhere to go, many felt that leaving the plantation would be their first grasp of freedom. North was a logical destination and for many it represented true freedom, while the desire to reach family members in neighboring states drove the some into Louisiana,

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2 Muncie High School students win full ride Lilly scholarships

MUNCIE- The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc. has selected the following two Delaware County seniors to receive 2006 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships.

Samuel Hiatt, a senior at Muncie Central High School, plans to study pharmacy at Butler University. He is the son of Jeffrey and Regina Hiatt.

Kyle Holt, a senior at Muncie Southside High School, plans to study biblical literature at Indiana Wesleyan University. He is the son of Kevin and Sheila Holt.

Created in 1998, the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program provides funds for Indiana community foundations to offer 4 years undergraduate scholarships to students within the counties they serve. Since 1998, 38 Delaware County students have

been named Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Scholarships are awarded to two Delaware County residents who will have graduated by the end of June 2006 with a diploma from an accredited Delaware County high school and who have been accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study beginning in the fall of 2006 at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.

The scholarships provide full tuition required fees and a special allocation of up to \$800 per year for books and required equipment for 4 years of undergraduate study.

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Arkansas and Oklahoma. Settling into these new areas as free men and women brought on new realities and the challenges of establishing a heretofore nonexistent status for black people in America.

Juneteenth Festivities and Food

A range of activities were provided to entertain the masses, many of which continue in tradition today. Rodeos, fishing, barbecuing and baseball are just a few of the typical Juneteenth activities you may witness today. Juneteenth almost always focused on education and self improvement. Thus often guest speakers are brought in and the elders are called upon to recount the events of the past. Prayer services were also a major part of these celebrations.

Certain foods became popular and subsequently synonymous with Juneteenth celebrations, such as strawberry sodapop. More traditional and just as popular was the barbecuing, through which Juneteenth participants could share in the spirit and aromas that their ancestors, the newly emancipated African Americans, would have experienced during their ceremonies. Hence, the barbecue pit is often established as the center of attention at Juneteenth celebrations.

Food was abundant because everyone prepared a special dish. Meats, such as lamb, pork and beef, which not avail-

able everyday were brought on this special occasion. A true Juneteenth celebrations left visitors well satisfied and with enough conversation to last until the next.

Dress was also an important element in early Juneteenth customs and is often still taken seriously, particularly by the direct descendants who can make the connection to this tradition's roots. During slavery there were laws on the books in many areas that prohibited or limited the dressing of slaves. During the initial days of the emancipation celebrations, there are accounts of slaves tossing their ragged garments into the creeks and rivers to adorn clothing taken from the plantations belonging to their former masters.

The Depression forced many people of the farms and into the cities to find work. In these urban environments, employers were less eager to grant leaves to celebrate this date. Thus, unless June 19 fell on a weekend or holiday, there were very few participants available. July 4 was the already established Independence Day holiday and a rise in patriotism steered more toward this celebration.

Resurgence

The Civil Rights Movement of the 50s and 60s yielded positive and negative results for the Juneteenth celebrations. While it pulled many of the African American youth away and into the struggle for racial equality, many linked these

struggles to the historical struggles of their ancestors. This was evidenced by student demonstrators involved in the Atlanta civil rights campaign in the early 1960s, whom wore Juneteenth freedom buttons.

Again in 1968, Juneteenth received another strong resurgence through the Poor Peoples March to Washington, D.C. The Rev. Ralph Abernathy's call for people of all races, creeds, economic levels and professions to come to Washington to show support for the poor. Many of these attendees returned home and initiated Juneteenth celebrations in areas previously absent of such activity. In fact, two of the largest Juneteenth celebrations founded after this March are now held in Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Texas Blazes the Trail

On Jan. 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official state recognition. Edwards has since actively sought to spread the observance of Juneteenth all across America.

Throughout the 80s and 90s, Juneteenth has continued to enjoy a growing and healthy interest from communities and organizations throughout the country. Institutions such as the Smithsonian, the

Henry Ford Museum and others have begun sponsoring Juneteenth-centered activities. In recent years, a number of National Juneteenth Organizations have arisen to take their place alongside older organizations, all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston origin in 1865, the observance of June 19 as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long over due. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in African American history that shaped and continues to influence society today. For more information, go to Juneteenth.com.

The celebrations that followed the reading of the proclamation by General Gordon Granger

began a tradition that has lasted for one hundred and forty years, and today is hosted in cities across America and beyond. The JUNETEENTH.com website is dedicated to this celebration and to those who tirelessly contribute to its continued existence and growth. For information regarding this website, contact us via email or write to: Juneteenth.com, P.O. Box 871750, New Orleans, LA 70187, or call: 504 245-7800

From the Juneteenth Webmaster... With sincere pride and love, I would like to thank each of you for your comments and continued support for this effort. With the power of your collective thought we can move mountains, so let us not ever sink in despair over the obstacles that stand in our path. Rather, let us join hands and communicate our needs, share our experiences and leverage our strengths. The spirit of Juneteenth is alive and well in each of us.

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Look for the Juneteenth World Wide Celebration emblem at Juneteenth events across America and beyond.

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Industry association seeks to promote area's economic development

By Judy Mays

The Industry Development and Neighborhood Association Inc. was organized October 2005 to help in identifying the area's needs and to encourage economic and community development.

The association's goals also include assisting in the creation of minority businesses, becoming a ending source to first-time homebuyers, leveling affordable housing and sponsoring and supporting

senior citizen and youth programs and activities.

The group, which is open to all residents regardless of race, religion or creed, also seeks to improve the quality of life for all residents of this part of Muncie.

The association meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Price Hall, South Madison Street. The purpose of the Association is to assist in identifying.

Muncie Mayor Dan Canan was among elected officials and

election hopefuls who recently attended an Industry Development and Neighborhood Association meeting.

"It is important to have a neighborhood association," said Canan. "It shows thought, continuity and that people are working together."

Van Johnson, manager of the Hope VI grant, said 6 months ago he began getting calls regarding the association. "Many had thought that it had died. I am a witness that it is very much alive, with concerned

citizens who are intelligent and committed to the families of this community."

A board of directors runs the association. Its officers are Ralph Kersey, chairman; Thomas Carey, vice chairman; Linda Branson, secretary; Geraldine Burns, treasurer. Other board members are Eliza Branson, Willie Caldwell, Eddie Chappell, Robert Paschall, Chequita Stewart, and Karen Thompson.

Neighborhood Association officers

are: Carl Malone, president; Kathy Carey, vice president; Linda Branson, secretary and Geraldine Burns, treasurer.

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First Global Day of Prayer arrives Sunday in Muncie

By The Editor

In 2000 and 2002 Graham Power, a South African Christian businessman, said he received two visions from God, comprising five stages:

* Hire Newlands Rugby Stadium for a Day of Prayer for Cape Town;

* Second, move to the rest of South Africa for a National Day of Prayer;

* Third, reach the whole of Southern Africa in the same way;

* Fourth, implement this vision all over Africa;

* and, lastly, mobilize the world for a Global Day of Prayer.

On March 21, 2001, the Newlands Rugby Stadium in Cape Town, South Africa, was filled with the joyous sounds of a 45, 000-strong crowd.

Stage 1 of the vision was completed.

Following the Day of Prayer in Cape Town, eight other areas across South Africa hosted similar events in 2002. In May 2003 millions of Christians across barriers of race, color, language or denomination joined in prayer at 70 different stadiums in South Africa as well as 60 stadiums in Africa (28 different countries) to pray for transformation in Africa.

On May 2, 2004, all 58 African countries (including the islands) united in prayer.

Then Africa invited the world to join hands with the African continent in a Global Day of Prayer. On May 15, 2005, history was made when Christians from all denominations, in more than 156 countries, united in prayer to ask God to bless the nations . . . so that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Hab.2:14).

Millions participated in 24/7 prayer rallies in the 10 days leading up to Pentecost Sunday and the youth had a "whole night for the whole world" prayer rally the night before Pentecost Sunday.

This event marked the greatest Christian gathering in the world, with more than 220 million Christians praying together. Reports from across the world were submitted and all had one message to tell: "God touched us in a special way!"

Visit: <http://www.globaldayof-prayer.com> to read some of the feedback.

Now the second phase of this process will start: 5 years of global participation from 2006 "2010. The main objective is to have all 245 countries in the world participating to "Globalise Prayer, revealing God's Glory" on Pentecost Sunday of each year.

The following threefold strategy will be followed:

10 Days of repentance and prayer "This will start on Ascension Day and will end the day before Pentecost Sunday. One of the goals will be to establish a "lifestyle of prayer." Global Day of Prayer "on Pentecost Sunday.

90 Days of Blessing " Local communities and youth will take ownership in projects to transform their city /town.

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chron.7: 14)

Christ Temple Church, 654 N. Jefferson, will host Muncie's Global Day of Prayer events.

DR. WORKONE:

Dear Dr. WorkOne,

I have just gotten a new job, and I am very excited about it. I have been unemployed for 3 months now, so this is a new breakthrough for me. So now that I have gotten this new job, I am curious, how can I start off by making a good impression with my new employer? I want to come in with the skills and expertise as if I had been on the job for months already. Can you give me some helpful hints in this area?

Erin

Dear Erin,

I can certainly help you with how to start off your new job with a good impression. You really want your new employer to truly believe that they have made the best choice by hiring you for the job. Showing them that your motivation is top priority on your list, they will begin to recognize how eager you are to do a great job.

One thing that you can do is sit down and really look at all that you want to accomplish within the first few months. You can set some long and short term goals and after they have been written down, share these goals with your supervisor. Give your supervisor a heads up with what you have in

mind for how the job should be done. Your supervisor might also have some helpful suggestions that you did not think of.

Something that you should have done prior to the interview was look up the company that you are now working for. This always helps with the interview process, but it also helps you out because your supervisor knows that you have done your homework on the culture of the company.

Mingling with the current employees who have done an outstanding job in the company is another way to establish the type of employee that you want to be. Take their attributes that make them a good employee and make them a role model to you.

Another thing that might help you to put your best foot forward is to ask your supervisor about what training programs that you might be able to participate in. This means that you are interested in learning what the company has to offer you. You can get signed up for classes that pertain to your job and that are going to help you advance through the company and help hone your skills.

Knowing when you

are going to have important meetings with your supervisor make sure that you plan ahead. You need to be prepared in a way that your supervisor knows you understand what is going to be talked about.

These are some helpful hints to get you started at your new career.

They will also help you to develop a rapport with your new supervisor and colleagues.

*Best Wishes,
Dr. Work One*

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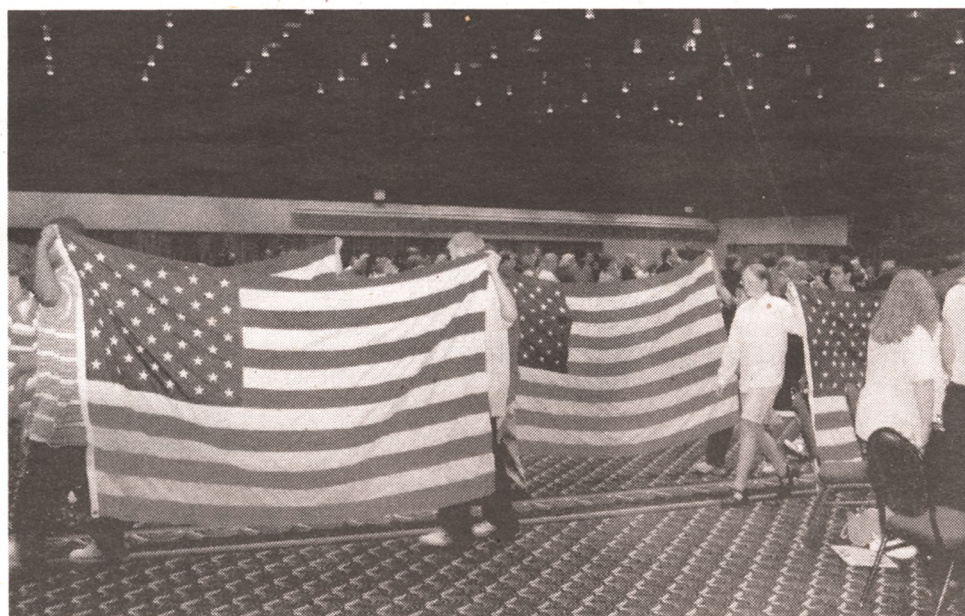
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Flag Bearers parade. The students were from Northside Middle School.



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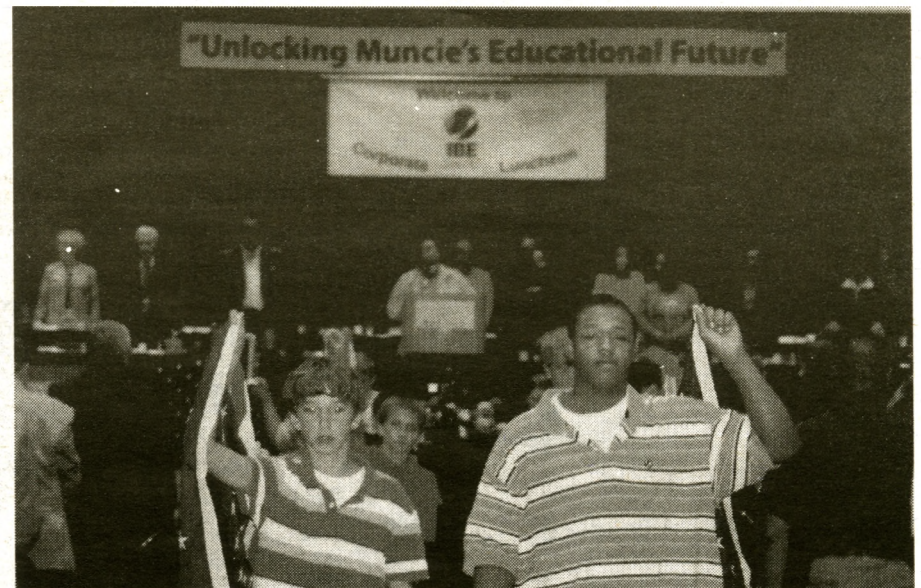
Outstanding Parents, teachers and students pose with certificates



Wilson Middle School principal Dilynn Phelps and Dr. Pierre Atchade receive special award for parents center.



Helen Haynes, Director of Chapter Development, Indiana Black Expo Inc.



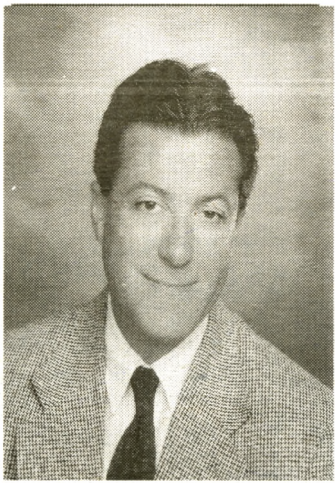
Students from Northside Middle School leading the parade of flags



Among the 700 attendees were Dorothy and Dee Harris



Yvonne Doyle, President of Muncie Black Expo welcomed the luncheon guests



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For information on various eye conditions, as well as information on the latest advancements in surgical techniques, tune in Dr. Makris' weekly television show, "You and Your Eyes", on Muncie Public Access Channel 42, Sundays at 6:00 PM and Wednesdays at 4:00 PM.



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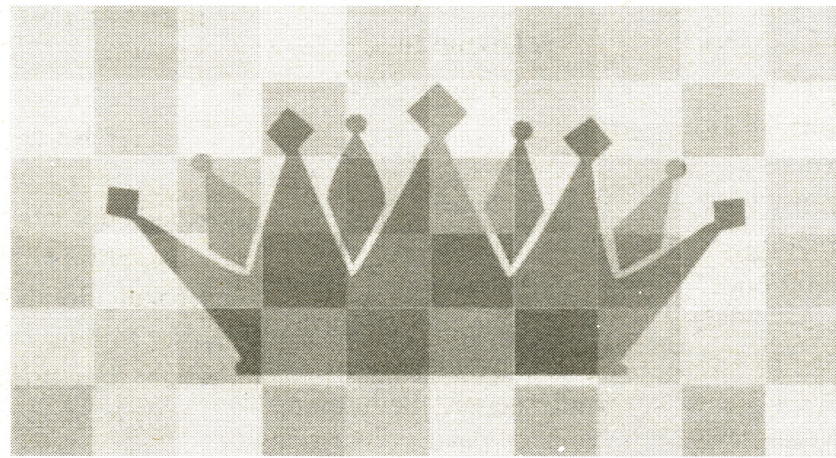


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POETRY CORNER

Heard an Angel

by William Blake

heard an Angel singing
When the day was
springing,
"Mercy, Pity, Peace
4 Is the world's
release."
Thus he sung all day
Over the new mown
hay,
Till the sun went down
And haystacks looked
brown.
I heard a Devil curse
Over the heath and the
furze,
"Mercy could be no
more,
If there was nobody
poor,
And pity no more
could be,
If all were as happy as
we."
At his curse the sun
went down,
And the heavens gave a
frown.
Down pour'd the heavy
rain
Over the new reap'd
grain ...
And Miseries' increase
Is Mercy, Pity, Peace.

"The wondrous moment
of our meeting..."

by Alexander

Sergeyevich Pushkin
The wondrous moment
of our meeting...
Still I remember you
appear
Before me like a vision
fleeting,
A beauty's angel pure
and clear.
In hopeless ennui sur-
rounding
The worldly bustle, to
my ear

For long your tender
voice kept sounding,
For long in dreams
came features dear.
Time passed. Unruly
storms confounded
Old dreams, and I from
year to year
Forgot how tender you
had sounded,
Your heavenly features
once so dear.
My backwoods days
dragged slow and quiet --
Dull fence around, dark
vault above --
Devoid of God and
uninspired,
Devoid of tears, of fire,
of love.
Sleep from my soul
began retreating,
And here you once
again appear
Before me like a vision
fleeting,
A beauty's angel pure
and clear.
In ecstasy my heart is
beating,
Old joys for it anew
revive;
Inspired and God-filled,
it is greeting
The fire, and tears, and
love alive.

Out in the Fields with
God

by Anonymous Works

The little cares that fret-
ted me
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields,
above the sea,
Among the winds at
play,
Among the lowing of
the herds,
The rustling of the
trees,

Among the singing of
the birds,
The humming of the
bees.
The foolish fears of
what might happen,
I cast them all away,
Among the clover-
scented grass,
Among the new-mown
hay,
Among the husking of
the corn,
Where drowsy poppies
nod,

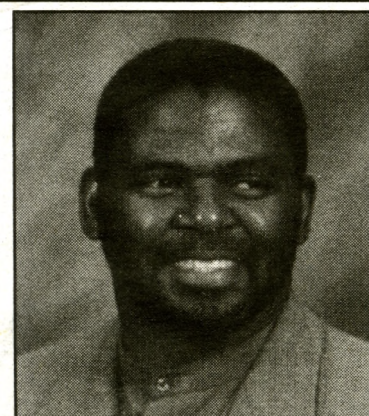
A Divine Image
by William Blake

Cruelty has a human
heart,
And Jealousy a human
face;
Terror the human form
divine,
And Secresy the human
dress.
The human dress is
forged iron,
The human form a fiery
forge,
The human face a fur-
nace sealed,
The human heart its
hungry gorge.
Where ill thoughts die
and good are born--
Out in the fields with
God.

Morning Rain
by Tu Fu

A slight rain comes,
bathed in dawn light.
I hear it among treetop
leaves before mist
Arrives. Soon it sprin-
kles the soil and,
Windblown, follows
clouds away. Deepened
Colors grace thatch
homes for a moment.
Flocks and herds of
things wild glisten

Clarence Motley and Friends



Faintly. Then the scent
of musk opens across
Half a mountain -- and
lingers on past noon.

So they rushed to the
azure op'ning,
And all peered down to
see.

Sonnet LXI

by William Shakespeare

Is it thy will thy image
should keep open
My heavy eyelids to the
weary night?

Dost thou desire my
slumbers should be bro-
ken,

While shadows like to
thee do mock my sight?

Is it thy spirit that thou
send'st from thee
So far from home into
my deeds to pry,
To find out shames and
idle hours in me,
The scope and tenor of
thy jealousy?

O, no! thy love, though
much, is not so great:

It is my love that keeps
mine eye awake;

Mine own true love that
doth my rest defeat,
To play the watchman
ever for thy sake:

For thee watch I whilst
thou dost wake else-
where,

From me far off, with
others all too near.

Rain

by Tu Fu

Roads not yet glisten-
ing, rain slight,
Broken clouds darken
after thinning away.
Where they drift, purple
cliffs blacken.
And beyond -- white
birds blaze in flight.

Sounds of cold-river
rain grown familiar,
Autumn sun casts moist
shadows. Below
Our brushwood gate,
out to dry at the village
Mill: hulled rice, half-
wet and fragrant.

A Starry Night

by Paul Laurence
Dunbar

A cloud fell down from
the heavens,
And broke on the
mountain's brow;
It scattered the dusky
fragments
All over the vale below.
The moon and the stars
were anxious
To know what its fate
might be;

The Judge's Chambers

Feds should initiate undercover gun purchases

Investigators in New York City made illegal gun purchases in 5 states as part of an undercover investigation; 15 gun dealers made illegal sales during the two-month long sting. The operation is part of New York's calculated – and unique – campaign to cut down the number of illegal guns that make it into the city. Officials say this is the first time such an operation has been carried out on such a large scale. Federal officials should take note and follow suit, by leading the

way on similar investigations around the country.

According to reports, investigators wearing hidden cameras made straw purchases, an illegal purchase in which an individual provides their name for the legally mandated background check for a gun that will clearly be used by someone else. The undercover purchases were made in Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia. Each of the dealers investigated previously sold guns that were linked to

over 500 crimes in New York City; each dealer made an illegal gun sale during the sting. The city will use this evidence in a lawsuit against those dealers.

It seems that such investigations may be one of the last remaining ways to fight gun violence in this country. The National Rifle Association (NRA), one of the most powerful lobbies in this country, has made it virtually impossible for gun control advocates to combat gun-related crimes. The NRA's



Judge Greg Mathis
Chairman of the Rainbow
PUSH-Excel Board
and a national member of
the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference

allies include numerous elected officials, all of whom have received generous financial support from the organization. In return, these Congressmen promote legislation that protects the nation's gun dealers. Republican Representative Todd Tiahrt of Kansas worked

tirelessly to add provisions to a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm's (ATF) bill; ensuring the ATF could no longer provide information from its gun sales databank to the public and that the data could not be used as evidence in court. A crime gun trace follows the sales history of the gun, from manufacturer, to the dealer and, finally, to the first buyer. In the past, this information has helped law enforcement and community groups identify the close relationship between the gun industry and the illegal gun market. Recently, Republican Representative Lamar Smith of Texas introduced legislation that would make those provisions permanent.

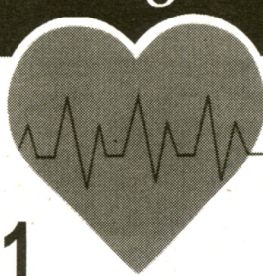
Other cities have tried suing gun manufacturers, dealers and distributors: Chicago, Detroit and

Gary, Indiana have all filed lawsuits – for hundreds of millions of dollars – claiming that the gun dealers contribute to the flow of illegal weapons that make it onto urban streets. All of these cases were eventually rejected. With an opponent as powerful as the NRA pulling the strings, individual cities are hard pressed to win this battle.

Over 300,000 Americans are injured or killed during gun-related crimes each year. In the African-American community, gun violence is a pressing concern: the gun death rate for blacks is twice that of whites. A collective investigation, headed by the federal government, is needed to put an end to these senseless crimes. With enough evidence in hand, the federal government could then begin to crack down on these rogue retailers and, ultimately, make a dent in the number of guns that make it onto our streets.

Judge Greg Mathis is national vice president of Rainbow PUSH and a national board member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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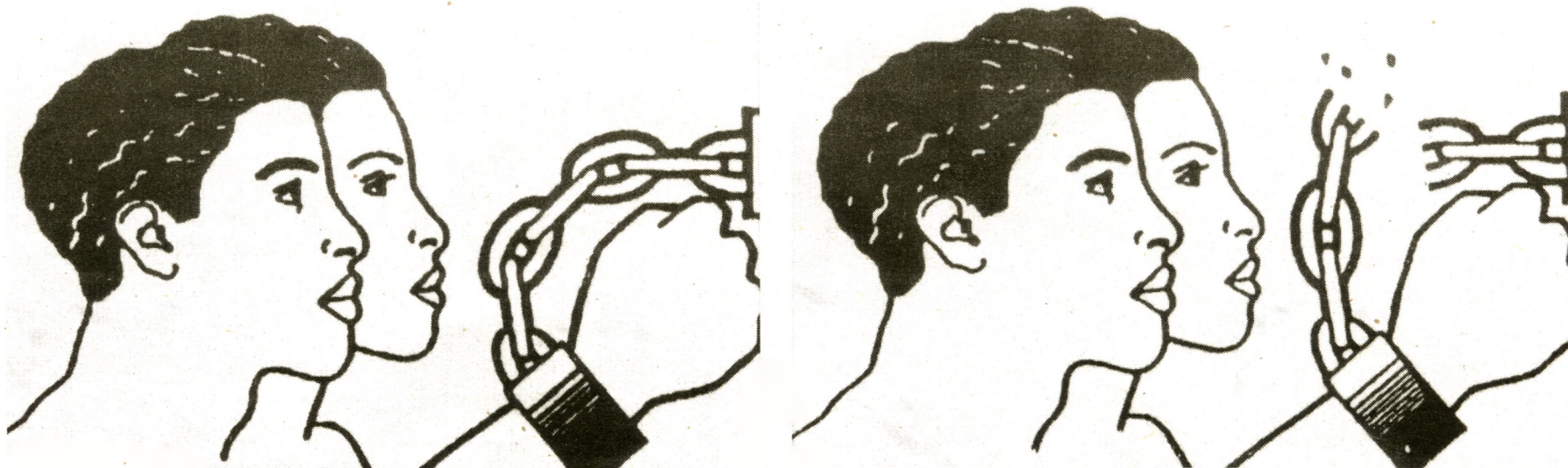
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Defense efforts muddy the water in Duke lacrosse rape case

DURHAM, N.C.--Now that three members of the Duke University lacrosse team have been indicted in the alleged gang rape of a black dancer more than 2 months ago, what evidence does Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong have to go to trial with?

What evidence must Nifong have if he is to successfully prosecute Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Falls, N.J.; Colin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, N.Y.; and the third suspect, David Evans, 23, of Bethesda, Md.?

All three lacrosse team players, identified as being present at the wild, off-campus party at 610 N. Buchanan Blvd., where at least 40 of their teammates were drinking the night one of two dancers hired was allegedly beaten, raped, kicked and choked in the bathroom, have been indicted on first-degree rape, first-degree sexual offense and first-degree kidnapping charges.

Nifong says there will be no more indictments in this case.

Evans, one of three co-captains of the Duke lacrosse team to actually live at the address where the assault allegedly occurred, proclaimed his innocence Monday in an extraordinary press conference attended by his

attorneys, his parents and, interestingly, several other Duke lacrosse players who have, heretofore, not even spoken to investigating officers, let alone the press.

"I am innocent, Reade Seligmann is innocent and Collin Finnerty is innocent. Every member of the Duke University lacrosse team is innocent," Evans said before a phalanx of local and national television cameras in front of the Durham County Detention Facility, where he was just booked and posted \$400,000 bond.

Finnerty and Seligmann also posted bonds just short of a half million dollars each to also skip jail. "You have all been told some fantastic lies and I look forward in watching them unravel in the weeks to come, as they already have in weeks past and the truth will come out," Evans said.

His attorney, Joe Cheshire of Raleigh, in remarks to the press, repeatedly called the alleged victim, "the false accuser."

If the Evans press conference, with friends, family, supporters and attorneys, reminded some of similar past press conferences that political figures in Washington, D.C. would conduct whenever they got in trouble, it may be no accident.

Weeks ago, it was widely reported that powerful Washington, D.C. attorney

Bob Bennett, who represented President Bill Clinton during the Paula Jones sex case, was hired by several families of Duke lacrosse players to develop behind-the-scenes strategy to grab control of the controversial story that has made headlines across the globe.

Thus, while no one has acknowledged it publicly, there is little question that Bennett, at the very least, was aware, if not directly consulted, about how a press conference by an indicted, though sympathetic Duke lacrosse player, could easily exert even more pressure on prosecutor Nifong to show the evidence cards he's been holding very close to the vest.

In fact, an evidentiary hearing originally scheduled for last Monday, when the Durham County Grand Jury convened and handed down the Evans indictment, was asked to take place today by attorneys for Seligmann.

They want Durham police investigators to turn over any and all evidence in the Duke Lacrosse case. Those attorneys want that evidence immediately, because, they claim, actions by Durham City Manager Patrick Baker may have been, "improper and may impose pressure on the Durham City police officers to 'get their stories straight,'" they said in motions.

Baker has denied those allegations.

Nifong has a medical

report of an extensive rape examination of the alleged victim from Duke Medical Center, reportedly showing evidence "consistent" with a brutal sexual assault.

The alleged victim's father has repeated that when he saw his daughter come home from the hospital the morning after, her jaw was swollen, her body was bruised, and her leg was injured, impairing her ability to walk.

And then there is the toxicology report that is part of any rape kit procedure at a medical facility. Police officers routinely ask emergency room nurses to do a blood alcohol or date rape drug analysis when a victim who seems under the influence is in custody.

There have been strong reports, somewhat supported by the second dancer, Kim Roberts, that mixed drinks given to the two women were allegedly spiked.

Roberts says she didn't drink hers because she was driving. The accuser drank some of hers, something happened to her glass, so she then drank all of Roberts' drink.

It was almost immediately after, while they were performing, that Roberts says she saw the demeanor of the alleged victim deteriorate rapidly to the point where she had to be later carried out to Roberts' car.

Only the toxicology report can confirm if it was alcohol, or a date rape drug, that was the cause.

But finally, given the beating that both Nifong and his case so far have taken in the press, observers believe that authorities may have the best evidence of all--at least one of the Duke lacrosse players, who was at the party, has already turned state's evidence.

Eyewitness testimony would change everything, and buttress the woman's story, observers say. It could even explain the timeline, the alibis, and even, what some believe, a fake mustache many alleged could have been used to confuse the woman.

After all, it has been established that Evans and the other two team captains living at the address used phony names to book the dancers through two separate escort agencies.

Police have also established that the agencies were originally told that the dancers were being hired to perform at a private bachelor's party for five men.

And when the women arrived separately and saw that they were actually hired to entertain at least 40 young white male athletes, they were told it was the Duke baseball and track teams, not lacrosse.

Why was there so much deception, observers ask, and if those drinks were spiked, what was the reason for the alleged setup? The fact that Nifong says there will be no more indictments in this case, when, if there's an alleged

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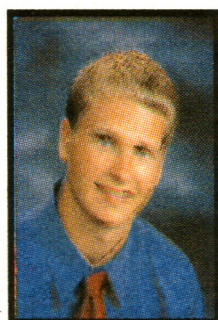
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Central High School Students

LUKE BEASLEY - Attend Depauw University and enroll in the Media Fellows program. I may pursue Journalism, Law or Teaching still undecided. I received honors from Indiana High School Journalist of the Year, an honor that was also won by my brother, Caleb when he was a senior. My GPA is 3.8, I participate in football, swimming and track. My parents are Beth and Bob Beasley.

KATHERINE BRADSHAW - Throughout high school I participated in the Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, a Math Service Club in which we tutored students at Northside Middle School and yearbook. I am a cadet teacher at West View Elementary School with third grade students. I plan to study elementary education at Ball State University. My parents are Richard and Lisa Bradshaw.



SAM HIATT - I have spent kindergarten through high school in the Muncie Community Schools. I am graduating from Muncie Central on May 31. I am a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Math Club, I was on the swimming and tennis teams all 4 years. I plan on attending Butler University this fall with a major in pharmacy. I have been involved with community service through my church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and through the scouting program where I earned an Eagle Scout Award. I was also very honored to receive the Lilly Scholarship this spring. My parents are Jeff and Regina Hiatt.

Parents of Sam Hiatt - Jeff graduated from Muncie Northside and Purdue University with a mechanical engineering degree. He currently works for Diamler Chrysler in Kokomo. He has served in many positions in his church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, from youth programs to older adults. Jeff spent many years as a volunteer coach in baseball. He also was a scout leader and went on several summer scout camps with his troop. Regina Hiatt graduated from Ball State University with a degree in elementary education. She spent time at home with her sons until they were both in school full time. She has been working for the Muncie Community Schools, in Adult Education, for 11 years. Regina has served in many positions in the church. She is the activity committee chairman.



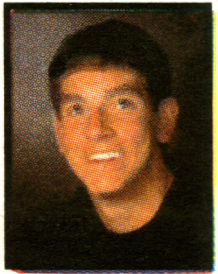
LAMONICA SMITH - I will be graduating from Muncie Central with an Academic Honors Diploma. I have participated in the following school clubs: Scholars, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Pride, Multicultural Student Union, and School Counseling Advisory Council, National Honors Society, secretary of Senior Class, and treasurer of DECA. I have volunteered at local elementary schools, churches, church food pantries, babysat, tutored, and Feed My Sheep. I am the youth leader at my church, Sunday school choir director, Sister's Auxiliary secretary, and Indiana State Council Young People's president. I am currently employed at Ball State Federal Credit Union. My parents are LaMonte and Sandra Smith.



Rachel Potee - is a 2006 graduate of Muncie Central High. She graduated with an Academic Honors Diploma and with an Academic Excellence Award. She was a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Girls Varsity Golf, Symphony Band and was President of Student Council. She is an active volunteer at Hazelwood Christian Church where she teaches Sunday School for the pre-school classes. Rachel will attend Loyola University of Chicago in the fall where she will major in Bioinformatics. Rachel is the daughter of Mike (a teachers for Muncie Community Schools) and Jane Potee (assistant vice-president client advisory for Old National Bank Wealth Management).



VANNEISHA IVY - I am an 18-year-old senior at Muncie Central High School. The daughter of Richard and Pam Ivy. I am the second of three children. My siblings are Richard and Amber Ivy. I am a member of Antioch Baptist Church. I was crowned Miss Muncie Jr. Black Expo in 2003. I enjoy participating in many extracurricular activities. I participate on the varsity cheerleading squad, varsity member of the girls' basketball, soccer and track teams where I hold individual records. I am a two-time state champion, winning the 300-meter hurdles in 2004 and winning the 100-meter hurdles in 2005, while setting the state record of 13.95. Not only do I excel on the cheerleading squad, basketball team, soccer, and track field, but I also excel in academics by maintaining a 3.5 GPA and will receive an Academic Honors Diploma upon graduation. I'm also a member of the National Honor Society at Muncie Central High School. During the 20005 ice storm, I volunteered to answer phones at the emergency call center in the basement of the Justice Center. In my spare time I like to shop, talk on the phone and listen to music. I love to travel and also enjoy taking family vacations. In the fall, I will continue my education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where I have received a full-ride scholarship for track and field. I am undecided on my course of study.



BRADEN KYLE KERRIGAN - I have a weighted GPA of 4.06 on a 4.0 scale and am seventh in my class. I am president of the National Honor Society, vice president of Mu Alpha Theta Math Club and secretary of Student Council. I have played soccer for three years and I am running track this year. My passion in life is swimming and I have been a captain on the Muncie Central High School Swim Team the past 2 years. I plan on attending DePauw University where I will swim and major in entrepreneurship. I am honored to be invited to the Indiana Black Expo Corporate Luncheon.



CORENA LEVI - My name is Corena Levi and I am a senior at Muncie Central High School. I hold a GPA of 3.57. For this year, my GPA is 4.0. My goal, after high school, is to attend Ball State University where I plan on majoring in nursing, with a minor in Spanish. I am vice president of the Class of 2006. I am also an active member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Co-facs senior class representative, and the Multi-Cultural Student Union, where I am on the advisory board. I have also participated as Pride Club president, Scholars Club president, and Mu Alpha Theta. I feel that giving back to your community is essential. I am a Big Sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters and I volunteer every Wednesday and Friday at 21st Century Scholars, and have also volunteered at Feed My Sheep, Muncie Community Schools teacher's aide and tutor, Cool Kids tutor, food pantry, and Christmas Sing. I have a part-time job at Adolescent Pediatric Dentistry as an office/dental assistant. I realize that I wouldn't be who I am today without a strong supportive family. And, most of all, the head of my life is God. I realize that only what I do for Christ shall last. I am a sanctuary choir member and director, Young People's Auxiliary treasurer, encouragement and outreach ministries. I am also treasurer on the Usher Board Auxiliary, Nurses Guild, Kitchen Help, One Accord-Singing group, Vacation Bible School teacher for pre-school, and a Missionary. My family always told me I could be anything I wanted to be. With that at heart, I strive everyday to be the best student, friend and citizen that I can be. Although I may have a lot of goals ahead of me, my main goal is to be the woman that God wants me to be. I want to be set apart for the master's use, to let His will be done through my life and, most of all, make it to heaven. My father, Warren Gerald Levi, is a proud parent of three. He strives to support his children in all that they do.



BRIAN ERVIN HATHAWAY - Brian Ervin Hathaway is a senior at Muncie Central High School, where he will graduate as valedictorian. He is captain of the tennis and swimming teams at Muncie Central. In tennis, he was named to the All-State Honorable Mention and Academic All-State teams. In addition to these activities, he also maintains a firm commitment to the community. He volunteers through the Student Council, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, and Key Club. In the fall, he will enter the Program in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences at Northwestern University, where he plans to pursue a career in applied mathematics and economics.

Central High School Teachers



CHERYL SMOTHERS - I am a lifelong resident of Muncie and a graduate of Burris High School. I graduated from Ball State University in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in family and consumer science. I also have a master's degree in family and consumer science and a license in guidance and counseling. My first job for Muncie Community Schools was with the Teenage Mothers Program, which was housed at the YMCA. I have taught at Northside High School, McKinley Middle School and have been the cooperative family and consumer science teacher at Muncie Central since 1976. During my time at Muncie Central, I have been a class sponsor, helped to develop and implement Reality City and the Career Fair. I have also received training and certification to assess

Cheryl Smothers continued...

Certificates of Technical Achievement for Central High School students. I have been married to my husband, Jim, for 38 years and have one son, Peter. I am a member of Kappa Kappa Sigma, philanthropic sorority, where I have been president, vice president and secretary. I am a member of First Baptist Church and a former member of the Indiana Vocational Association. I am also the secretary of the CO-FACS Advisory Board.

MURIEL COATIE-WEEDEN - I have been a guidance counselor at Muncie Central for 17 years and head of the guidance department the last 7 years. I have three children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. I am a member of the American School Counselors Association, Indiana Association of College Admissions Counselors, Union Missionary Baptist Church, where I serve as director of Women God Can Use, Christian education teacher and armor bearer. My goal is to encourage students to prepare themselves for the many opportunities that are available to them as I make them aware of what those opportunities are. My personal endeavor is to daily live a life that glorifies God in all that I do.



MOLLY SHAW JOHNSON - This is my fifth year as an educator. All 5 of these years have been spent at Muncie Central High School teaching freshman and sophomore English. I am originally from the northern Indiana town of Nappanee, which is surrounded by corn fields, RV factories and Amish farms. Before coming to Muncie Central, I attended Taylor University in Upland, Ind., where they focus on creating caring, committed teachers prepared for world service. I have brought that focus with me to Muncie Central and the Muncie community. At Muncie Central, I have been involved with the Alternative School within a School, teaching classes and monitoring at-risk student progress, team teaching classes of half special education/half regular education students, class sponsor, School Improvement Committee, Character Initiative developer, You Make a Difference Award breakfast coordinator, and co-founder/coordinator for The New Bearcat Teacher Group. My husband, Fred, is finishing graduate work at Ball State to be an English professor. He is a good resource when I don't know the answer to an English question and a good example of working hard to meet your goals. During our time in Muncie, we have attended Muncie Alliance Church and First Church of God.



MISTY GREEN - Family and consumer science teacher. my education was at Ball State University with a bachelor's degree. I have 14 years experience. Professional Organization IN-FACS, FCCLA State Advisory Board, FCCLA District coordinator and am a certified teacher/mentor.

Southside High School Students



COURTNEY WILLIAMS - I attend Muncie Southside High School, where I have been an affiliate member of the National Honor Society, Latin Club, Science Club, pep and marching bands, and the Academic Quiz Bowl. I have also represented my school through athletics, participating in golf, swimming and tennis. I attended the Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders. I also attended Hoosier Girls' State and the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine during the summer of 2005. In order to attempt to make our community an overall better place to live in, I have served two consecutive terms on the Muncie Mayor's Youth Council.

WHITNEY JONES - I am a senior at Southside High School; prior to being a Southside Rebel, I attended Morrison-Mock Elementary School and then Wilson Middle School. I am very active in volunteer activities around the community and in my church. I am a member of the Latin Club and president of Science Club in my school. I am also a member of the of the National Honor Society, and have participated in the Academic Quiz Bowl.

CASEY BRADLEY - I am one of six brothers and one sister. We all attended Garfield Elementary School, Wilson Middle School and now I am a senior at Muncie Southside High School. I attend Southern United Baptist Church every Sunday with my family and friends. I've earned eight varsity awards at Southside. My greatest varsity awards come from wrestling. I placed fifth in the state this year. I will attend Limestone College in Ghaffnay, S. C., on a wrestling scholarship.



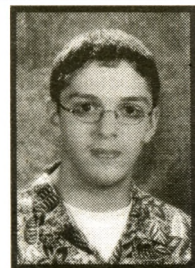
JACKLYN KING - My name is Jacklyn King. I was born March 30, 1987 in Muncie. I started school at Garfield Elementary School, Wilson Middle School and now I am finishing school at Southside High School. During my years at Southside I participated in concert choir, Student Council, volleyball, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. I have been employed at Chuck E. Cheese's for 2 years. I will be attending the University of Indianapolis in the fall where I plan to study occupational therapy.

MICHAEL LIBY - My name is Michael Liby. I will be graduating from Muncie Southside High School with academic honors. I have played football for all 4 years of high school. After Southside, I have chosen to go to Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. I plan to study education and become a teacher. I will also play football on Earlham's team. This year I was selected senior class president where we have been putting together one of the best programs ever.

JULIE HOLE - My name is Julie Hole. I am a senior at Southside High School. I am a three-sport athlete, playing 2 years of varsity volleyball, a year of varsity cross country, 4 years of varsity basketball and 4 years of varsity softball. I was involved in the French Club and Science Club for 3 years. I go to the Muncie Area Career Center in the morning to study health occupations. I will graduate with my certified nursing assistant license. I am a member of the Mayor's Youth Council. After graduation I am going to attend Indiana University/ Purdue University of Fort Wayne and study nursing.



FALLON NICOLE SHIVELY - I am a senior attending Muncie Southside High School. I am a three-sport athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball and softball. I use my competitive and intense attitude that I have in athletics and I apply that in the classroom as well. I take academics very seriously and have earned an accumulative GPA of 4.125. I am part of a four-way tie for class valedictorian. Throughout my high school career, I have participated in the Science Club, Latin Club, Academic Quiz Bowl, Concert Band and I have been secretary of the National Honor Society for 2 years. Along with athletics and extracurricular activities, I am actively involved in my church and youth group. I plan on attending Indiana University in the fall for a major in exercise science pursuing a career in occupational therapy.



COREY RAGLAND - I am a senior at Muncie Southside High School. I'm a member of the Spirit of South marching band. I was a 4-year football player and was elected vice president of both the National Honor Society and the senior class. I will be attending Purdue University this fall to major in chemical engineering.



MONIQUE I. JERNIGAN - I am a senior at Southside High School. I have been involved in many things, such as president of the Student Council, co-editor of the Yearbook, National Honor Society and the Mayor's Youth Council. I have been in the Top 20 in my class since my freshman year. I will be graduating with an Academic Honors' Diploma this fall. Although these many things have very catchy and respected titles, they don't say exactly who I am or where I came from. I was born and raised in Muncie. My parents are Rockie and LaShonda Jernigan. I have two older sisters and one younger brother. I've been raised in the church as long as I can remember. My pastor is Alvis Bond Sr. of New Life Tabernacle Holiness Church. I have been involved in the youth ministry for about 8 or more years. I have always had a humorous heart. I've been known as the funny child as long as I can remember. I do whatever I can to please. My mom often sees me as too humble. As a child I have always loved to help people. I was the girl helping people with their homework, to helping a stranger pick up something he/she dropped. I have loved my years as a teenager and am sad I have to become an adult. About doing adult things, I will attend Indiana University and major in special education with a minor in general studies. I want to do many things with my life. Some are undecided and some aren't. I say I will do certain things and when I do them, I might be a little slow, but I get them done. So with this in mind, I end this biography with a quote from my pastor: "Talk is cheap, it takes money to buy land."

KYLE HOLT - I am a senior at Southside High School. I have been actively participating in many school sports and clubs and also other activities in my community. I was a 4-year varsity tennis player while also serving as the captain in my senior year. I also won the Mental Attitude Award. I've played baseball for 4 years. I've served in the National Honor's Society, Latin Club, Science Club, Science Club and, my first priority, the Bible Club. In my community I have served as secretary on the Mayor's Youth Council this year. I've also been very active in my church, serving as the youth worship leader, youth leader and a church member. I've been on two mission trips. In school I've maintained a 4.0 GPA and been No. 1 in my class.

Southside High School Teachers

PENNY ALEXANDER - I am a graduate of Ball State University. I have been teaching for 12 years. My first 7 years I taught for the Indianapolis Public Schools and the last 5 years at Muncie Southside High School. I am the sponsor of the National Honor Society and the Class of 2009. My interests include working with animals at home or any outdoor activity.



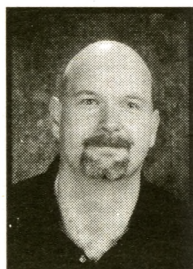
YEVONNE MCCASTER - She received her bachelor's degree in 2001 in psychology and master's degree in counseling psychology in 2003 from Ball State University. She is a school counselor at Muncie Southside High School. In addition to her duties as a school counselor, she is a sophomore class sponsor and dance team sponsor. She is also co-piloting a program called the Student Minority Achievement Committee (SMAC Sisters) for minority females at Southside. This group is committed to the enhancement and encouragement of academic excellence. She is a board member of the Girls Scouts of Wapehani Council, Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc. Her church home is Union Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as the children's ministry director.



JULIE SNIDER - I received a bachelor's degree from Ball State University in 1991. I am enrolled in the masters of education program through Olivet Nazarene University. I have been a social studies teacher at Southside High School for the past 8 years. Prior to that I taught at St. Lawrence Catholic School for 4 years. I have been a softball coach as well as co-sponsor of the Student Council during my time at Southside. My husband, Chris, and I have been married for 16 years. We have three children. I have been a lifelong member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and I am also very active in the baseball/softball little league in Selma.



RUSSELL ROBINSON - Ms. Robinson is a Muncie native. She attended Longfellow Elementary, McKinley Middle and Muncie Central High schools. She is a Ball State University graduate with a bachelor's and master's degrees in Spanish and English. She has taught for 36 years at Muncie Southside High School. She is department chair of the foreign language Department. She is the daughter of Russell and Lenore Tyree. She attends the Antioch Missionary Baptist church. Her pastor is the Rev. Edward Long Jr. She has a daughter, Louise Davenport, and a grandson, Phillip Dunham.



KEN WICKLIFFE - He graduated from Ball State University in 1986 and is about to complete his 19th year of teaching; 15 of those years have been spent at Muncie Southside. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he has served as co-chair of the school's performance-based accreditation team and as a member of the school's technology committee, African American History Month Committee and American Education Week Committee, among others.

STEVE WOOLARD - Currently teaching AP economics, regular economics, and geography, Woolard has been at Muncie Southside High School for 8 years. He holds an undergraduate degree from Ball State University and advanced degrees from Indiana University and Florida State University. Prior to teaching at Southside, he taught at high schools in Indiana and at Florida State University and Ball State and had been a curriculum consultant with the Florida Department of Education. Immediately prior to joining Muncie Southside, he was a business owner for 19 years. He has two daughters, one in Grand Rapids, Mich., and the second in Barcelona, Spain.



SONDRA L. SEIBOLD - When I graduated from Muncie Southside School in 1969, I never thought that I'd return here and spend the next 31 years of my life teaching language arts in a classroom where I myself had learned to love the English language. Apart from a year of teaching at Lincoln High School in Cambridge City, Ind., and 2 years spent in Nancy, France, at the Universite de Nancy teaching English as a foreign language, I have been here at Southside teaching English, primarily to freshmen. I've been class sponsor, Quiz Bowl sponsor and chairperson of the Undergraduate Recognition Program and Senior Breakfast. Both my bachelor's and master's degrees were earned at Ball State University. I am proud of my membership in the National Council of Teachers of English, national Education Association, Indiana State Teachers Association and the Muncie Teachers Association. I consider it a privilege and honor to serve the youth of our city.

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conspiracy of silence on the part of the Duke lacrosse team, it would be reasonable to assume that other players could be charged with the cover-up, if not the crime, suggests that deals could have been made.

Deals, some speculate, that could give one or two players immunity from prosecution, in exchange for what they know.

The alleged victim, a divorced mother of two, accomplished student at North Carolina Central University and U.S. Navy veteran, reportedly remains in hiding with her two children. According to her parents, who were interviewed by CBS News "48 Hours" last week, she has lost a lot of weight, isn't sleeping well, has developed ulcers, and is seeing a counselor.

Researchers ridicule report about poor high school minority graduation rates

While a recent study by the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research (MIPR) claimed that only 50 percent of black and Latino students in the United States complete high school with a diploma, the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) said that it was "inaccurate" because MIPR used "seriously flawed data and methodology."

In a 99-page report, "Rethinking High School Graduation Rates and

Trend," released late last April, the Washington-based EPI revealed that about 75 percent of black and Latino high school students actually receive diplomas nationwide.

"Our research finds no suggestion of a horrifyingly low graduation rate among blacks, Hispanics and other minority groups in the country," Lawrence Mishel, EPI president and co-author of the study, said in a national telephone conference with reporters. "In fact, we have found out that black-white graduation gap has shrunk significantly over the last 40 years."

He said that the MIPR data, generated by its senior fellow, Jay P. Greene, and former Urban Institute research associate Christopher B. Swanson, "reflect an increasingly used but incorrect characterization of the rate of high school graduation," because they mainly relied on enrollment data reported by school districts and collected by the states and the federal government.

"There are two fundamental problems with Greene's graduation rate research," Mishel added. "First, he ignored the other data available on high school completion that are far more reliable, far more consistent with each other and show significantly higher graduation rates than the school enrollment data. And, second, Greene's computations show an artificially

low graduation rate because he does not fully correct for grade retention, especially among minorities, in 9th and 10th grade."

Joydeep Roy, economist and co-author of the EPI study, also criticized the Greene-Swanson findings for failing to rigorously examine all possible data sources, including the National Education Longitudinal Study (NELS), considered to be the best available data on the issue, and the Census and the Current Population Survey, which track individual students or survey households. Both of these surveys also confirm higher graduation rates (about 74 percent) among blacks and other minority groups.

"Greene and Swanson used misleading indicators," Roy added during the conference.

Between 1979 and 2004, the EPI report also revealed that high school completion rates (regular diploma and GED--general educational development--) rose for white and black students, but it grew faster for blacks. Over these 25 years, the black-white graduation gap narrowed by 8.4 percentage points.

The overall high school graduation rate, with a regular diploma, with the data from NELS, is about 82 percent, the EPI report added.

"We hope this report will clear the fog, create a better understanding of the

true challenges we face and the progress we've made, and help lead the way to better targeted solutions for continuing to close the remaining gaps. Understanding where we are and how far we've come can help identify what has been working in American public education," Mishel said.

Southern school says it's not too late to seek admission, scholarship aid

For graduating high school seniors who didn't get into any schools of their choice, or who don't have enough financial aid to go to a private school, it's not too late.

Last month, Brooklyn's Bedford Stuyvesant Preparatory High School, St. Augustine's College was offering on-the-spot admissions and scholarships to qualified students.

Admission officers from the North Carolina historically black college were first in the area several months ago where they extended an invitation to several area high school seniors to attend the college at a previous admission/scholarship fair.

Rennae Langley, a graduating senior at Bedford Preparatory Academy, the host of St. Augustine's admission fair, was among the students to receive an acceptance letter. Though Langley had previously only

applied to colleges within the city, she decided to try out for the Southern school.

"The fact that it was a very small school and it offered internships in each major," were factors that appealed to Langley about St. Augustine's.

Langley says her mother approved of her choice, after learning St. Augustine's was a religious school.

"The fact that it's a Christian school also helped to ease my mother's [trepidation] about me going away," said the 16-year-old B+ student who is graduating early.

Students interested in applying to the school brought their official high school transcript, ACT or SAT scores and letters of recommendation to the admission fair.

The college was looking for a 2.0 minimum grade point average and a combined verbal and math SAT score of 850 (the essay portion of the exam is not included).

Corbett notes that the admission requirements are flexible and says the school "will work with students who are making progress." Additionally the school provided on-the-spot academic scholarships for high-achieving students, as well as marching band and athletic scholarships for students talented in these areas.

Marching band scholarships were available for percussion and wind

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COOKING

Time to Eat Light and Healthy Eat Salad's

Shrimp Salad

2 cans shrimp
1 pkg salad ring macaroni
1 pkg frozen peas cooked
1 onion finely minced
1 c diced celery
1 bottle stuffed olives slice
Seasonings to taste
Hard Cooked eggs diced
Pickles diced
Salad dressing to taste

Mix all ingredients with enough salad dressing to moisten. Serve on lettuce leaf. 6 servings

Bean Onion Salad

1 can red kidney beans
1 can wax beans
1 can green beans
1 small bunch celery, finely chopped
1 Spanish onion, finely chopped
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 c vinegar
1/2 c sugar
1/2 c corn oil

Wash and drain beans; add celery and onion. Combine remaining ingredients; mix with beans. Let stand for several hours before serving. Note: This salad keeps well when refrigerated. Serves 10 to change flavor of salad you may add 1 can chick peas washed and drained.

Curried Chicken and Rice Salad

3 cups cold cooked rice
2 cups cut up cooked chicken or turkey
1 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
1/2 cup chopped water chestnuts
1 ounce can pineapple chunks in syrup drained
1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 to 2 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon sugar
Salt to taste

Dash cayenne
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
6 slices bacon cooked and crumbled (optional)

Mix rice, chicken, celery, red bell pepper, water chestnuts and pineapple in large bowl. Combine mayonnaise, curry sugar, salt, cayenne and ginger; stir into chicken mixture. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, at least 2 hours. Serve on lettuce leaves. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon.

Black-Eyed Peas and Shrimp Salad

1 16 ounce package black eyed peas
1/2 pound cooked small shrimp, peeled and deveined
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
6 Green onions, sliced
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 clove garlic, minced
Salt and pepper to taste
1 small lettuce separated into leaves

Cook peas as directed on package; drain and cool. Gently toss peas, shrimp, celery, red bell pepper and green onions together in medium bowl. Combine oil, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper. Pour over shrimp mixture and toss to coat. Chill. Serve on lettuce leaves. Garnish with lemon and parsley if desired. 4 servings

Spinach - Mushroom Salad

1/3 cup vegetable oil
_ cup wine vinegar
_ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 pound spinach, torn into bite size pieces, about 8 cups
2 ounces fresh mushrooms sliced
2 slices bacon, crispy cooked

and crumbled
1 hard boiled egg chopped

Shake oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and garlic in tightly covered container. Toss with spinach and mushrooms; sprinkle with crumbled bacon and chopped eggs. 6 servings

Italian Salad Bowl

1 large head lettuce or combinations of greens washed and drained well
1 14 ounce can artichoke hearts, cut into halves
2 large tomatoes, diced
4 hard boiled eggs
_ cup coarsely chopped ripe olives
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 teaspoon paprika
2 cloves garlic minced
_ cup olive oil
_ cup wine vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar

Break lettuce or greens into large salad bowl. Arrange artichoke halves across center of bowl, rim to rim. Place rows of tomatoes on each side of artichokes. Dice egg yolks and place next to tomatoes on one side. Place ripe olives next to egg whites and egg yolks. Combine salt and paprika in jar. Add garlic, olive oil and wine vinegar. Shake vigorously. Just before serving, pour dressing over salad. Mix salad a section at a time so that all ingredients are blended.

Tomato Salad and Dill

2 red tomatoes, thickly sliced
2 yellow tomatoes thickly sliced
1/3 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon snipped fresh dill weed
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Arrange tomato slices alternate

red and yellow tomato slices on serving platter. Combine remaining ingredients in tightly covered container and shake until ingredients are mixed well. Spoon dressing over tomatoes. Garnish with fresh dill if desired. Serve at once, serves 6.

Sugar Snap Pea Salad

2 10 ounce packages frozen sugar snap peas
1 15 ounce can red kidney beans drained and rinsed
_ cup pitted and sliced black olives
4 to 5 green onion stalks sliced fine
1 red bell pepper cored and diced
1 to 2 jalapeno chile peppers, seeded and slivered
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
_ cup apple cider vinegar
_ cup minced parsley
_ cup extra virgin olive oil
_ teaspoon salt
_ teaspoon dried basil leaves
_ teaspoon dried oregano leaves
1 to 2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce

Lettuce leaves

Cook the sugar snap peas as directed on the package; drain. Do not overcook immediately rinse under cold running water and place in colander. Shake to drain excess water. Combine the sugar snap peas, kidney beans, olives, green onion, bell pepper, and chile pepper in a large mixing bowl. In a small bowl whisk together the sugar, wine vinegar, cider vinegar, parsley, olive oil, salt, basil, and oregano until most of the sugar is dissolved. Add up to 2 teaspoons hot sauce to taste. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to coat the vegetables. Refrigerate for 8 hours, tossing the salad a few times. Serve chilled on a bed of lettuce leaves. Serves 6-8

T O B E E Q U A L

Duke Lacrosse rape case opens communication between NC, Duke

I've recently been mulling over the words of an ancient Chinese proverb that reads, "Out of crisis comes opportunity"

It's especially been on my mind as the facts surrounding the case of an alleged rape that occurred in North Carolina about 2 months ago continue to come forth. On the surface, the case involving members of the Duke University lacrosse team and a 27-year-old student of North Carolina Central University, a historically black college in Durham, could

be construed as a case of white versus black, the elite versus the poor, the haves and the have-nots.

That's the angle the mainstream media have used, wasting no time comparing the two schools. It starts there, with race and sexism.

It stays there, with the inflammatory e-mail written by one of the players being uncovered and the attack on the character of the alleged victim.

But please believe it doesn't end there. Never should we think that this case is solely

about racism. It's also about a lack of communication that caused the situation to become a crisis, taking place at the highest levels--between the Durham police and the Duke University administration. This is clearly a case that has stirred up a crisis for the two schools and the surrounding communities.

There have been so many allegations made. There have also been the indictments of the three of the team's players, including the captain of the nationally-ranked squad.

And all the while, as



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the situation has turned into so much, there are also so many opportunities that still exist. Hidden amidst all the scandal, the high-priced lawyers and the media frenzy is the fact that the two schools have seen the need to come together as they never have before, to have meaningful discussions as to how they can better work together.

Richard H. Brodhead, president of Duke, was asked recently if the case would change the relationship between the two universities. His answer? "Certainly. The funny thing is, Chancellor Ammons (of North Carolina Central) and I have made so many public appearances together in these last few weeks, but when the lacrosse case is over, the residue will be that our schools will work more closely together in many areas."

The collaboration will be welcome, according to Ammons, who acknowledges that both schools are focused on preparing students for a

more technological world. "Being in the research triangle," Ammons said in a recent interview, "you have to be on top of your game."

They've (Duke) been at it longer. They have a great reputation. But a rising tide lifts a lot of boats and the region has such a reputation for education and innovation. We're in that environment and we have to show that we can compete."

That one thing in common -- after decades of there seemingly being nothing that connected the two schools besides 3 miles, can be the seed that helps a fruitful relationship grow. What would make the relationship most productive is if it would lead to some sort of dual degree programs, such as is the case in Atlanta where students from Morehouse and Spellman Colleges, both historically black schools, take courses at Georgia Tech University.

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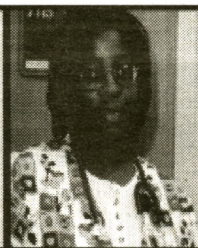
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musicians, who came with their instruments to audition. Meanwhile, students interested in applying for the athletic scholarships had to bring tapes and statistics, as well as recommendation letters from their coaches.

"We have a 95-percent graduation rate for our athletics department," boasts Corbett of the college's athletic department, which includes George Williams, who coached the U.S. Men's Olympic team in Athens, Greece, 2 years ago.

Re-elected Mayor Nagin faces major problems in hurricane-ravaged New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, La.--In what turned out to be a racially charged election, Mayor Ray Nagin narrowly defeated Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu in a Saturday's run off. However, Nagin still faces an uphill battle in restoring and rebuilding his hurricane-ravaged city.

"I know what it's like to go up against Goliath, with five smooth stones," a tired Nagin reportedly told a congregation gathered Sunday morning inside New Orleans' St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, which sits in the still-littered Treme neighborhood.

David, in the form of Nagin, won the runoff with 52 percent (59,460 votes) to Landrieu's 48 percent (54,131 votes).

The run-off was split along racial lines with Nagin winning 80 percent of black votes and about 20 percent of white votes,

according to GCR Associates, an urban planning and campaign analyst of New Orleans.

Landrieu won roughly the same percentages in reverse.

"I'm not surprised because historically, whenever there is a perception in the black community that an African American leader is under attack, history shows that we will get behind them" says Vincent Sylvain, the New Orleans-based regional director of the Rebuild Hope Now Campaign of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation.

"This became more of a cause in the black community, which they were going to fight to hold on to something that they had. What we kept hearing in the New Orleans community was, 'This was bigger than Nagin.' What folks were saying is while they may not have been happy with his leadership over the past 4 years, he was still theirs, and he was still one of them."

This was a switch from 4 years ago when Nagin won with more than 80 percent of white votes and only 40 percent of black votes. The erosion of Nagin's white support and Landrieu's family legacy as progressives caused some analysts to predict a victory for Landrieu.

But Landrieu made a tactical error.

"He did not distinguish himself as being that much different from Mayor Nagin. In fact, at mayoral debates, he constantly agreed with the position of the mayor"

Sylvain says. "So, from the black community perspective, if you agree with the mayor, then there's no need for change."

Greg Rigamer, chief executive officer of GCR and Associates, concluded that Nagin won 80 percent of the black vote. He says he understands why whites abandoned Nagin this time around.

"Not only did the white people support him in 2002, but they have supported every recommendation and endorsement that he's made in the interim," says Rigamer, a white who was born and reared in New Orleans.

He said that changed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"White people honestly knew that Nagin was black prior to the primary.

They didn't say, 'Oh my God, we voted for a black man for mayor.' That wasn't the problem. The problem was leadership. Less accustomed to adversity, they expected more out of their leader," says Rigamer.

Nagin now faces the mammoth reconstruction of a city 80 percent flooded, 300,000 of its citizens scattered across the United States, its government teetering on the brink of bankruptcy and 60 percent of its businesses closed.

The mayor is eager to change that. On the night of the runoff election, his administration announced an agreement between the hurricane-torn city and JPMorgan Chase, which accepted a proposal to provide up to \$150 million in loans to the city from Morgan, Bank of New

York, two Paris-based banks, Dexia Credit Local and Societe Generale.

Nagin will have to resurrect a city that has traditionally depended on a regressive sales tax and tourism. While there is evidence that the tourism industry is rebounding, the Jazz and Heritage Festival drew large crowds recently, and conventions are coming this summer, no one knows when exiled New Orleanians will return.

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of evacuees may be homeless this month, the start of hurricane season, because FEMA is slicing and dicing survivor lists and deeming some people ineligible to continue receiving benefits to which they are entitled under the law.

M.V. Adams wrote recently to the San Francisco Bay View newspaper seeking help for her daughter, Banetta Adams.

"My daughter, Banetta Adams, has been notified by FEMA that she has 60 days to vacate her apartment here in Houston. FEMA says that she will be evicted because she cannot provide proof of her residency in New Orleans. In other words, FEMA is going to put my child and her two children in the street because she cannot prove that the vicious waters of Hurricane Katrina ravished her apartment and destroyed her property." Where is the justice in this? Mrs. Adams asked.

As of May 11, more than 2.5 million people affected by Hurricanes

Katrina and Rita had applied for FEMA assistance.

Hurricane season begins anew this month. The National Hurricane Center predicted on Monday that four to six major hurricanes will strike the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico this season. The center predicts that there will be 16 named storms, down from the record 27 last season.

Nine months after the worst disaster in American history, people from the Katrina and Rita evacuations are living in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii, plus the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and other locations.

Texas has the largest group, 600,000 evacuees and affected Texans.

Louisiana, where three-quarters of its land was flooded, is second with over 1 million, followed by Mississippi 503,475, Alabama 135,197, Georgia 40,947, Florida 28,908, Tennessee 16,889 and California 16,728.

The remaining states are housing from 7,200 in Illinois to as few as 48 evacuees in the Virgin Islands.

Evacuees and survivors of the Katrina Diaspora were given one-way tickets out of town.

Today, as the August anniversary of the Katrina catastrophe grows closer, many are estranged from community, relatives and their culture.

FBI's raid of congressman's Capitol Hill office ignites congressional backlash

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WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Since Hurricane Katrina ripped through his congressional district last August, Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-La.) has been fighting on Capitol Hill for much needed funds to help rebuild his hurricane-ravaged 2nd District, one of the hardest hit in New Orleans.

But now Jefferson is in the center of a new storm that could be just as devastating to his political career. Jefferson's Capitol Hill office was raided two weekends ago, the first for a sitting member of Congress. A redacted copy of the warrant was released Sunday by the FBI.

Meanwhile, President George W. Bush has been forced to interview in this constitutional case. He announced that he had ordered all materials and documents seized from Jefferson's Capitol Hill office to be sealed for 45 days while Congress, the Justice Department and the FBI sorted out the issue.

The indictment accuses the eight-term congressman of accepting bribes and using his office and influence to illegally participate in high-tech business ventures in Nigeria, Cameroon and Ghana.

According to the 83-page affidavit, the FBI had been tracking Jefferson since last March. The FBI was tipped off by a woman the Washington Post named as Lori Mody, a wealthy northern Virginia businesswoman who, persuaded by

Jefferson, invested millions of dollars into iGate Inc., a Louisville-based telecommunications company.

The document describes iGate as a company that produces high-speed Internet and cable television services transmitted through copper wires.

At a Capitol Hill news conference Monday, Jefferson said, "There are two sides to every story; there are certainly two sides to this story.

There will be an appropriate time and forum when that can be explained."

Mody, worried about being swindled out of nearly \$4 million she had invested in iGate, approached the FBI about investigating Jefferson, the document said.

Jefferson, a Harvard-trained lawyer, is considered an expert on information technology issues.

While he has not been charged, the affidavit said Vernon Jackson, president and CEO of iGate, and Brett Pfeffer, a former member of Jefferson's congressional staff, were included as targets of the investigation and both pleaded guilty earlier this year to bribing the congressman to promote iGate's technology to African nations.

The Washington Post reported that about 15 FBI agents entered Jefferson's congressional office on Saturday evening but completed the search Sunday afternoon.

Key evidence included in the affidavit came from recorded discussions that were also videotaped,

from July 30, 2005, when Jefferson allegedly accepted \$100,000 in a reddish brown leather briefcase, from a witness the Washington Post named as Mody, in a Ritz Carlton parking lot in northern Virginia.

Mody cooperated with the FBI by secretly wearing an electronic wire, the document said. She was not identified in the affidavit as a target of the 14-month sting operation.

Mody allegedly gave the money to Jefferson to pay off African officials in Nigeria and Ghana to persuade them to use iGate Inc.

Surprisingly, Republicans, who had hoped to exploit the Jefferson case in the upcoming congressional elections, rushed to his defense after the FBI raided his office.

House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) issued a statement Monday night saying, "The actions of the Justice Department in seeking and executing this warrant raise important constitutional issues that go well beyond the specifics of this case."

He explained, "Insofar as I am aware, since the founding of our Republic 219 years ago, the Justice Department has never found it necessary to do what it did Saturday night, crossing this separation of powers line, in order to successfully prosecute corruption by members of Congress. Nothing I have learned in the last 48 hours leads me to believe that there was any necessity to change the precedent

established over those 219 years."

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) sent an e-mail to his former colleagues calling the raid "the most blatant violation of the constitutional separation of powers in my lifetime."

The Jefferson case also complicates the Democrats' plan to exploit the corruption admissions of Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Carl Forti, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, told the Washington Post: "As bad as people want to say the Abramoff situation was, it didn't lead to any House offices getting raided."

Typically, the FBI seeks subpoenas for items they need rather than raid a federal lawmaker's office.

Jefferson, 59, carries considerable clout because he co-chairs the Africa Trade and Investment Caucus, as well as the Congressional Caucuses on Brazil and Nigeria and is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The first African-American to be elected to Congress from Louisiana since Reconstruction, Jefferson is a senior member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee and its subcommittee on trade. He is a former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

In one taped conversation with Mody that mentions his Nigerian connections, the affidavit said Jefferson discussed the importance of someone in

Nigeria the document refers to as "John Doe #1".

"We need him. We got to motivate him really good," Jefferson allegedly told Mody. "He's got a lot of folks to pay off."

On Aug. 3, 2005, a few days after the parking lot transaction, Jefferson's Washington, D.C., home was raided. Investigators found \$90,000 in Jefferson's freezer stuffed in frozen food containers and wrapped in aluminum foil, the document said.

Jefferson addressed the investigation May 15 while in New Orleans.

"I would take full responsibility for any crime that I committed (if) that was the case. But I will not plead guilty to something I did not do, no matter how things are made to look and no matter the risk," Jefferson said at the time.

In addition to the federal investigation, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has launched its own investigation of Jefferson's bribery allegations.

The affidavit also quotes conversations between Jefferson and Mody about how Jefferson had placed iGate stock in his children's names.

"I make a deal for my children, it wouldn't be me," he allegedly told Mody after passing cryptic notes about the shares.

The affidavit said Jefferson allegedly joked with Mody about the notes.

He was quoted: "All these damn notes we're writing to each other as if

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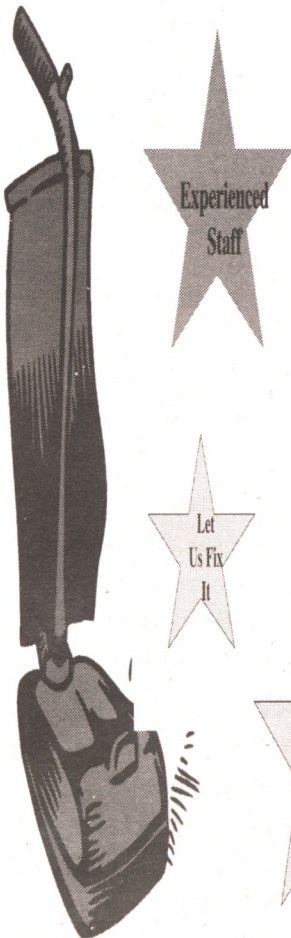
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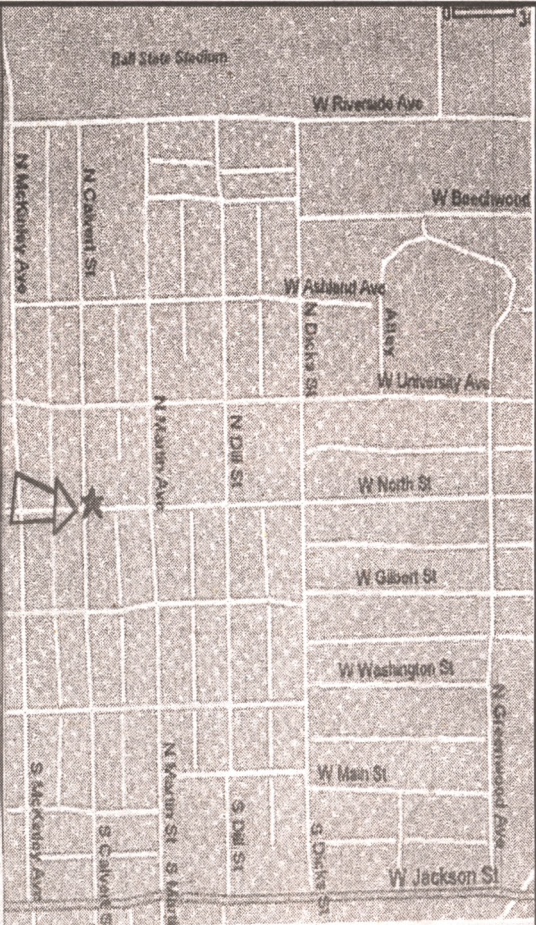
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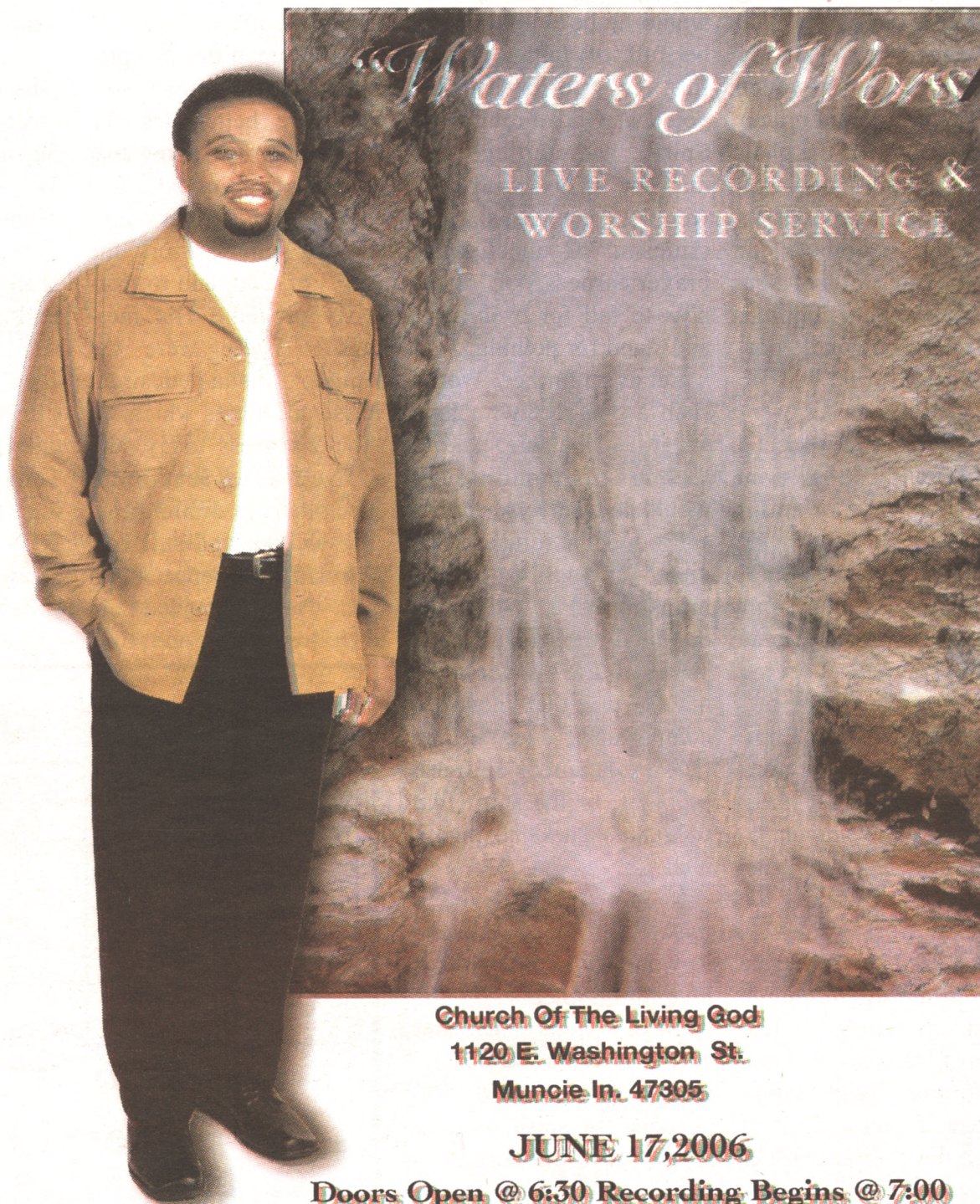
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The Power of Influence

By R.J. Underwood

Very often, through the years of my ministry, I have been impressed by that peculiar force, known as "influence," in the lives of the human race.

At times in local churches there are those who exert a great influence over the other members. And this not always an uplifting influence. What a tragedy that people in an assembly are sometimes influenced to do wrong, rather than right. Many pastors have experienced the dread of having a new convert fall into the hands of some influential member.

With all this in mind, I have turned to the Bible for a thought which is worthy of our consideration. The text is II Kings 2:9 "And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me."

What wonderful power of influence; what a wonderful spirit Elijah must have manifested during his association with Elisha.

But some will say, Elisha merely wanted the Spirit of God, which he knew rested on Elijah." Be that as it may, but it is a fact that he said, "a double portion of thy spirit".

Just how many of us, as God's people are today manifesting such a wonderful spirit that, if we asked someone what we should do for him, he would reply, "Let a double

portion of your spirit be upon me?" This is a question that should bring us up short by its magnitude. How are we using our influence? What is our general attitude concerning the church, our pastors and our evangelists? How do we use our influence toward the new convert who is looking to the older saints for guidance and help? To whom among us would our neighbor, our friends, our fellow servants, or even our children, say, "I desire a double portion of your spirit?"

As a pastor of over twenty-five years experience, I have often been grieved over the misuse of influence, and have been made to remark, "Oh, if that person would only use his influence for good, instead of the way it is being used!"

In one church that I pastored there was a woman who possessed great influence. She was a very capable woman, and could get the other women in the church to work diligently. But she used her influence to try to set up "a church within a church." Her power of influence was not used for good, but to establish herself over a circle of women, who would do her bidding, rather than anything the pastor might suggest. Such a condition, if allowed to develop, and permitted to remain, will finally produce havoc in any church. How much better it would have been had this woman used her influence for good, rather than for self-gain.

Let us examine ourselves, for as Paul said, "if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." If someone else received a double portion of our spirit, what kind of a person would he be? "Would he be full of faith...prayerful...ready to listen to the voice of God through His Spirit, and through the ministry of his Word? Or would he receive a spirit of criticism, of unbelief, of prayerlessness, of readiness to fall for everything and stand for nothing.

Let us go further. Would such a one receive a love for true doctrine, and a feeling of humility, or would he receive a haughty spirit one that refuses to be under subjection to the ministry that God has ordained to proclaim the Word of life? Would he have a spirit that knows no compromise, even in the face of hundreds of false prophets, or the spirit that constantly seeks to please men?

If someone received a double portion of our spirit, would it be the spirit of love for his enemies, or the spirit of hatred, malice and strife so prevalent in the world today? Would it be an obedient spirit, or that spirit of stubbornness, which causes one to be determined to have his own way, regardless of the feelings of church, pastor, or others?

Elisha saw something in Elijah's life that he desired to have in a greater measure. Just what was this, of which Elisha desired a double portion? Elijah had

also prayed that there would be a drought and there was. He later prayed that there would be rain and the rain came. He trusted God to sustain him at the brook Cherith, and at the house of a widow.

Based upon the two preceding paragraphs, how could we better describe Elijah than by saying that he was a man of faith and courage. These two things enabled him to work the works of God, and to fearlessly proclaim His message. These were the things Elisha desired. These are things which we should possess today, and so live that we shall influence others to desire them.

Jesus had, and still has, powerful influence upon men. He commanded men to follow Him, and they

obeyed. His influence reached the lowly fishermen, and they left their nets; the tax collector, and he forsook his position. Such is his influence today that thousands are waling with Him.

Let us seek to so exemplify the life of Christ, that others will desire to have the same spirit. Paul told Timothy, "be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." In so doing, he would exert a good influence for the cause of Christ. He had the same thing I mind when he told Titus. "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing incorruptness.



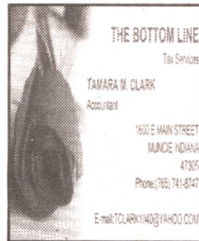
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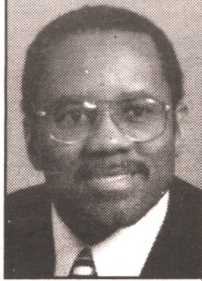
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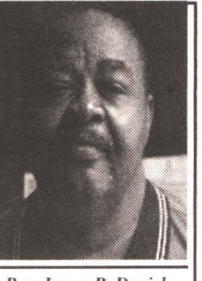
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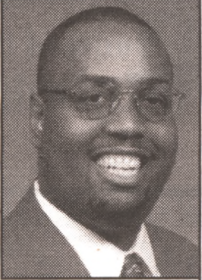
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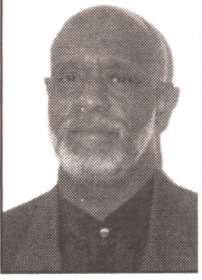
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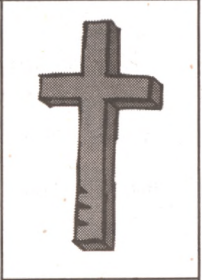
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Sunday Evening Service • 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
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Home Phone: 286-5018



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Deliverance Service • 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship • 6:00 p.m.
Thursday
Victory of Praise Service • 6:00 p.m.
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Pastor John L. Smith

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Tuesday Bible Study • 11:00 a.m.
Church: 287-9883
Home: 284-9687



Pastor Edith Hutchinson

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Sunday Morning Worship • 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
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Friday Night Pastoral Teaching 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:30 p.m.

Phone: 288-7565



Pastor Jessie Branson

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 12 Noon & 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-0138



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Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 5:30 p.m.
Womens Ministry 5:30 p.m.
Youth Church 5:30
Single Ministry 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 288-7023 or 284-4459



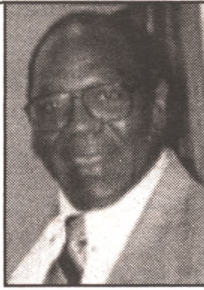
Pastor W.C. Edwards

New Liberty Baptist

1615 N. Elgin

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Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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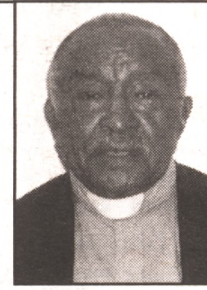
Pastor L.D. Clay, Jr.

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Wednesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.

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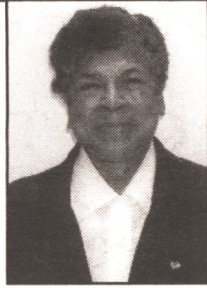
Paramount Community

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Wednesday Evening Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-6890



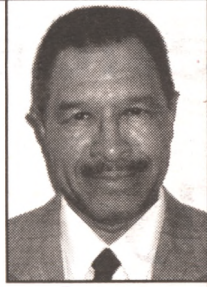
Pastor Dorothea Norwood

Shiloh Church of God in Christ

820 N. Blaine

Sunday School • 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 12:00 Noon
Evening Y.P.W.W. • 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
Friday Worship • 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Buddy Kirtz

Spiritual Baptist

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Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-1034



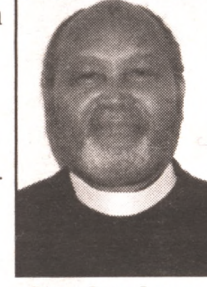
Pastor Mack Moses

Terrestrial Temple Church of God in Christ

2112 N. Turner

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Worship • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 288-8181



Pastor James Lawson

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Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.

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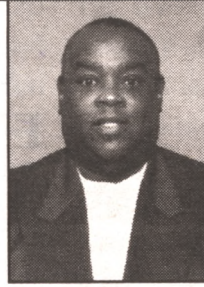
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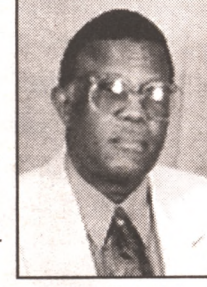
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180 Youth Event • Sunday 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor Gregg Parris

Union Missionary Baptist Church

1103 N. Macedonia St.
Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship • 7:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer • 10:0 a.m./6:00 p.m.
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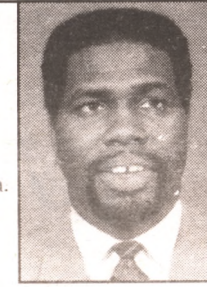
Pastor Willie J. Jackson, Sr.

Word Of Life Christian Church

1401 E. Kirby Ave.

Sunday Prayer • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 10:30 a.m.
The Zone (Youth Service) 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-6269



Pastor Bryant R. Crumes

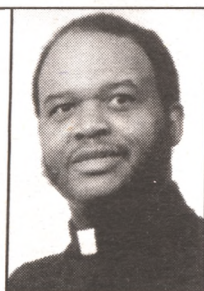
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1518 E. 17th St.

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.
Friday Worship • 7:30 p.m.

Phone: 282-9158



Pastor Jerry D. Bumpus

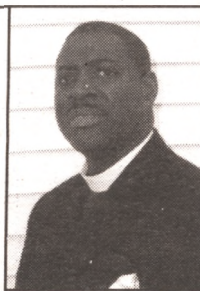
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Phone: 281-1636

Home: 759-7872

pastor kaymorehouse@hotmail



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6207 W. Taylor Rd. at Hoffer

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Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Service • 7:00 p.m.

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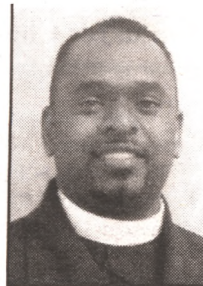
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Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 6:30 p.m.
Friday Praise and Worship • 6:30 p.m.

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AFRICAN BRIEFS

COSATU strike cripples South Africa

By Braden Ruddy

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA (GIN)--Hundreds of thousands of South African workers went on strike on Thursday to protest continued job losses, despite a booming national economy.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) led the 1-day strike that crippled business districts in Johannesburg and Durban, closed schools, and hurt the nation's gold mines.

"At a time when we are told the economy is booming, it is disgusting that so many of our citizens are living in abject poverty, primarily because they cannot find work, or have to survive in low-paid, insecure, temporary jobs," said COSATU spokesman Patrick Craven.

More than 100,000 jobs have been cut in the past 3 years, with the mining and textile industries being hit particularly hard.

South Africa's official unemployment rate is 26.5 percent, but some analysts argue that it could be as high as 40 percent. In Cape Town, the strikes turned violent with striking security guards breaking shop windows and police opening fire on them

with rubber bullets.

"Absolutely nothing entitles anybody, whatever the circumstances, to engage in the violence that we have seen," South African President Thabo Mbeki said in response to the violence in Cape Town.

However in the wake of the violence, COSATU Western Cape general secretary Tony Ehrenreich has called for the city and provincial government to launch an investigation into acts of "police brutality" against striking workers.

"I'd say that the security bosses and their history in the SA Defence Force, and their history in oppressing and disrespecting our people would certainly have a role to play in this," Ehrenreich stated.

SA soccer ace, who once played for U.S. teams, dies at 50

By Braden Ruddy

(GIN)--Apartheid nearly derailed the exemplary career of soccer player Patrick (Ace) Ntsoelengoe. With South Africa expelled from the world games over its racist treatment of blacks, the "Pele" of South Africa jumped to the United States, playing 11 seasons in the North American Soccer League and racking up victories from Miami to Minnesota.

He was inducted into the US National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2003.

Ntsoelengoe was found dead of natural causes in his car in Lenasia, South Africa. At the time of his death, May 8, he was coach of the Kaizer Chiefs Youth Development Program. He was 50.

At his funeral, attended by more than 5,000 fans, former teammate Kaizer Motaung said: "We are gathered to pay our last respects to a fallen icon whose grace and contribution to our society found fame from his ability to masterfully manipulate a little round toy called a soccer ball."

Soccer's governing body, FIFA, expelled South Africa from international competition from 1976 until 1992 as a result of the country's apartheid system.

"When South Africa was isolated from the world, Ace Ntsoelengoe's magic kept local soccer alive," said Premier Soccer League chairman, Dr Irvin Khoza.

Journalist Martin Dlamini of Swaziland, in a letter to the Sowetan newspaper, wrote: "During that wicked apartheid nightmare that threatened the very being of our souls, a few young men proudly took up the challenge and in their craft symbolized the completeness of a heroic manhood to which we all aspired.

"They were soccer players, but to the rest of us they were more than mere mortals."

Ntsoelengoe is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Mengistu atrocities trial verdict postponed until next January 2007

(GIN)--As the marathon genocide trial of former dictator Mengistu Haile Miriam was winding down and a verdict by Ethiopia's Federal High Court was expected soon, it was suddenly announced that the judgment had been put off to January 2007.

Mengistu is accused of a plethora of brutal atrocities committed during his 17-year regime.

The decade-long trial has been one of Africa's longest criminal proceedings.

Mengistu, living in relative comfort in Zimbabwe, was tried in absentia.

The court heard testimony from 730 witnesses and saw more than 3,000 documents placed into evidence.

The alleged atrocities were committed during the 1977-78 "Red Terror" period in which tens of thousands of people were killed or disappeared in Mengistu's bid to turn Ethiopia into a Soviet-style workers' state.

The top leaders of the co-called "Derg"

(Committee) regime are also accused of the murders of Emperor Haile Selassie, whom they toppled in a 1974 coup, and Orthodox Patriarch Abuna Tefelows.

The evidence against Mengistu, who is approaching 70, includes execution orders and video footage of assassinations and torture of detainees.

If found guilty of the charges, all the defendants face life in prison or the death penalty under Ethiopian law.

Rival militias clash, force Mogadishu residents to flee

(GIN)--Thousands of residents of Mogadishu, beleaguered Somalia's capital, fled the capital city after an outbreak of fighting between Islamic militia and a U.S.-backed warlord alliance which left over 60 dead since tensions came to a head last Wednesday.

Heavily armed gunmen continue to patrol the streets and residents said fresh hostilities could erupt at any time. "There is no gunfire and I haven't seen any violence but the level of militia presence has not gone down," said resident Dahir Abdulle Alasow to a reporter after inspecting the four neighborhoods by car.

Somalia has had no effective government since warlords over

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threw long-time dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991. They then turned on each other, carving this nation of an estimated 8-million people into rival fiefdoms.

The fighting pits Somali Islamists against the Alliance for the Restoration of Peace and Counter-Terrorism, set up in February with American backing, to curb the growing influence of Islamic sharia courts and track down al-Qaeda members they are allegedly protecting.

Somalia's largely powerless transitional government based in Baidoa, about 150 miles north-west of Mogadishu, has blamed the alliance and the United States for the fighting.

The United States denies responsibility for the clashes.

SA veep castigates world media for negative stories about Africa

(GIN)--Newspaper editors attending an international press forum got a slap on the wrist from South Africa's Deputy President, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, who berated them for negative reporting while overlooking the continent's success stories.

Issues of "real concern", such as Western poaching of Africa's best and brightest talent, were being ignored as

the world's media focused on wars and poverty, Mlambo-Ngcuka told the annual world congress of the International Press Institute (IPI) in Edinburgh on Monday.

"Editors have been making choices on how they see Africa--and they have tended to see the dark side," she said.

"Over-generalisation has had the specific result of dishing out collective punishment to all in the continent and discouraging investment, thus holding back progress.

"Out of 54 countries in Africa, only five are in conflict in 2006.

Yet the 49 countries are easily compromised by failure to acknowledge peace in most countries and note success of individual nations.

"It would be wrong to conclude, that Africa is a dying continent with no capacity ever to take off. There are opportunities for investment in Africa, which are often obscured.

"Africa, notwithstanding its challenges, has a good story that needs to be told, and told much better."

Hotel Rwanda manager calls for action to end Darfur, Sudan, killings

By Braden Ruddy

(GIN) - - Paula Rusesabagina, the real-

life hotel manager played by Don Cheadle in Hotel Rwanda, warned against the current situation in Darfur saying "it is time to join action to words."

Rusesabagina said that violence in Sudan's Darfur region is particularly frightening in its similarities to the ethnic violence in Rwanda in the early 1990s.

"The refugee camps in Chad are just like those in which exiled Rwandans were living in 1993, without food, shelter or education," he said.

"Last year I went to Darfur and what I saw was exactly what I saw in Rwanda in the years 1990 to 1994. There were government-funded helicopters destroying villages. Militia armed by the government killing villagers. Two million people displaced and their homes completely erased."

Rusesabagina was a hotel manager in Kigali during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. He kept as many as 1,200 people alive in the Hotel des Mille Collines. His story was later popularized through his autobiography *An Ordinary Man: the Story Behind Hotel Rwanda*, and by the 2004 film *Hotel Rwanda*.

"I never realized I was a Noah," Rusesabagina said. "I believed what I was doing was not different from what many

people were doing. I never realized that the killing field was as wide as it was."

By Braden Ruddy

(GIN)--A Gambian citizen's online news site, Freedom Newspaper, was hit by summonses from the Gambian police for alleging that President Alhaji Yahya Jammeh and his wife were breaking up.

"Enough is enough," the first lady was quoted in Freedom Newspaper to have told her husband, Jammeh, upon learning that he was prepared to take a new wife.

Reacting swiftly to the printed story, the government apparently hacked into the computer of U.S.-based Web Editor Pa Nderry Mâbai and forwarded the Web site's subscriber list to a competitor paper.

The U.S. office of the Committee to Protect Journalists took up the cause. "It is outrageous that Gambian authorities are targeting contributors to an independent news site," said Ann Cooper, executive director of CPJ. "This dictatorial attempt to stifle independent reporting comes on the heels of a growing crackdown on the Gambian media."

In addition to publishing the entire list of subscribers, the pro-government Daily Observer published the police summons, which said

that "the Security Services are in possession of the full list of persons who continuously supplied [Mâbai] with information, which he used to castigate and vilify the democratically elected government of his excellency, President Dr Alhaji Yahya AJJ Jammeh."

Pa Nderry Mâbai described the tactic as a "cyber blackmailing" and vowed that The Freedom Newspaper will "exploit all legal remedies to ensure that those responsible for the exposing of the contact details of our subscribers face the law."

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guest: Elder Cornelius Bullock
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Thurs: Elder Royce Fields
Bethesda, Indpls.
guest: Dist. Elder Melvin Falkner
Zion Tabernacle, Fort Wayne

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MUNCIE BLACK EXPO; 1306 N. Broadway	3rd Thursday, 6:00 P.M.	Dr. Maria Williams-Hawkins 282-1997
Muncie Community School Board; Anthony Administration Building	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 630 P.M.	Jennifer J. Abrell; 289-6389
Muncie City Council; City Hall Auditorium	1st Monday, 7:30 P.M.	Chuck Leonard; 741-9625
Muncie NAACP; Maring- Hunt Library 205 S. High St.	2nd Thursday, 5:15 P.M.	Dr. Jayne Beilke, President
Muncie Commission On The Social Status of Black Males; South Madison Community Center; 900 S. Madison St.	1st Tuesday, 5:00 P.M.	John Young-El; 747-9008
Widow's Son Lodge #22 Masonic Lodge, 1514 E. Willard Street	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.	Eddie J. Chappell, Worshipful Master; 759-5290
Naomi Chapter Number 11 The Order of Eastern Star Masonic Lodge, 1514 E. Willard Street	1st and 3rd Monday, 7:00 P.M.	Joanne McCain Johnson, Worthy Matron; 286-2960
Coalition of 100 Women; Kennedy Branch of Public Library	3rd Saturday, 10:30 A.M.	Linda Branson, President; 282-0492
Millie P. Hoffman Federated Club Lynd House 2410 E. McGalliard	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3:00 P.M.	Ruth Ann Blair, President; 289-2118
Lucille Lucas Williams Federated Club	2nd Thursday, Rotating Home Meetings	Lula Mann, President; 747-5125
Whitely Neighborhood Council; 1306 N. Broadway	1st Monday, 6:00 P.M.	Randall S. Sims, 212-1188
Unity in DiverCity Gethsemane Church United Methodist Church 1201 W. McGalliard Rd.	3rd Sat. 11:00 a.m.	Pierre Atchade, 289 - 3955
Household of Ruth #4618 Industry Neighborhood Center; 1407 S. Wolfe Street	1st Friday, 4:00 P.M.	Loretta Miller, MNG; 288-6987